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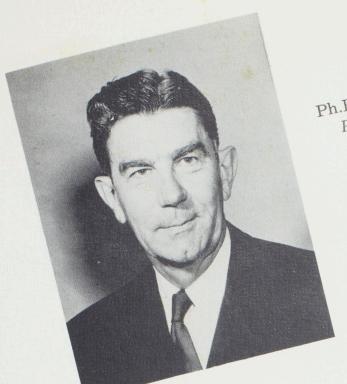
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For his dependability, his love of honesty, for untiring efforts toward the betterment of the Duke Divinity School, and his profound influence on our lives, we affectionately dedicate the 1956 volume of the Duke Circuit Rider to

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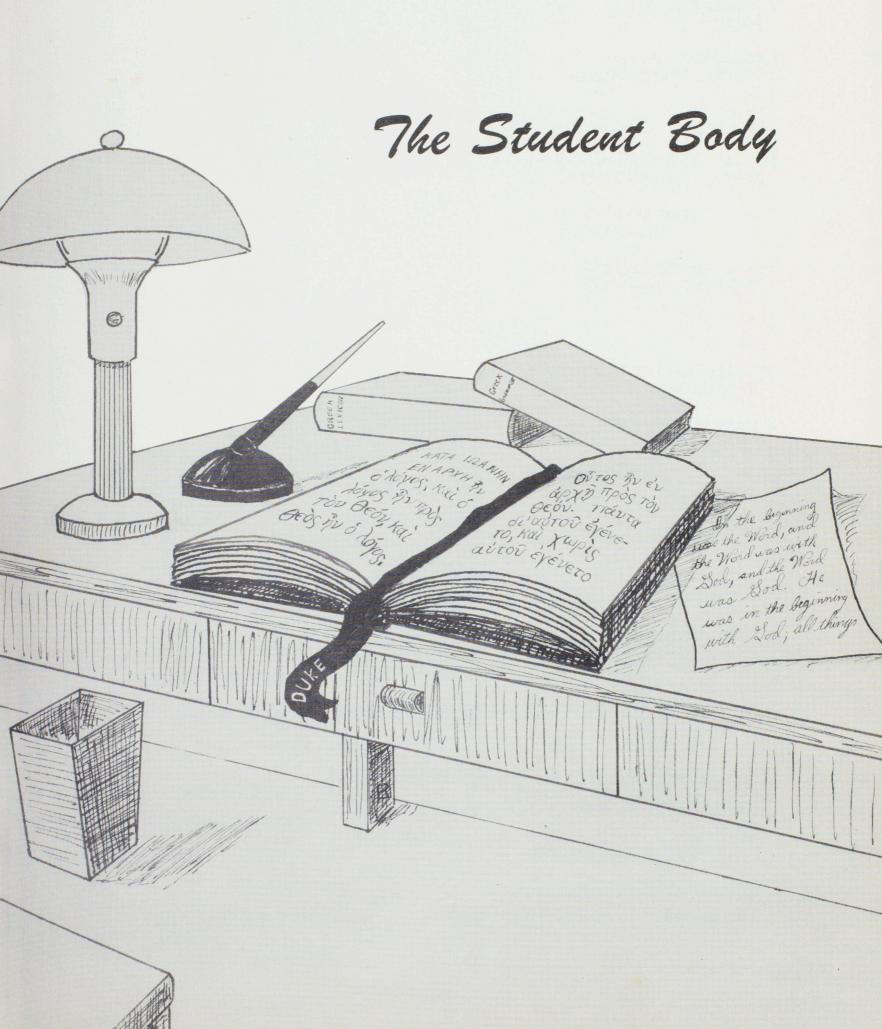
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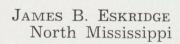
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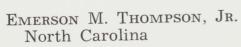
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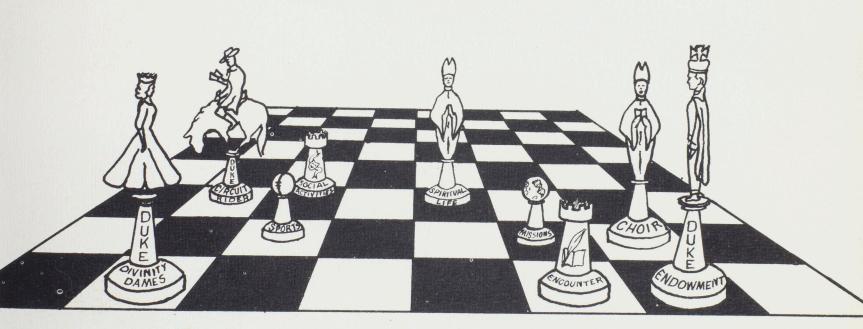
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The Student Government exists for a creative purpose—to create a sense of community among the students of the Divinity School. It has as its primary functions the transaction of business and the promotion of activities which draw the students together into a closer fellowship with each other and a more vital relationship with God. There is a close working relationship between the Student Government and the administration. The Student Government works within the policy of the administration, but the administration also considers the needs of the students through the Student Council.

the Student Council.

At Christmas this year the Student Government Social Committee, in conjunction with the Faculty

Social Committee, entertained the students and faculty with a party following the annual candlelighting Christmas program. In February the Missions Committee sponsored a Missions Emphasis Week during which time several speakers were here to turn our minds toward the mission field. Each week the Social Action committee sends out groups to visit at the Durham County Home, the county jail, and other places. The Athletic Committee provides sports events for those who wish to participate. These are just a few of the many activities which are provided by the Student Government and which bring us into a closer fellowship with each other and a more vital relationship with God.



SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Spiritual Life Committee is to help the students enrich their worship experience while in the Divinity School. Each year this committee sponsors chapel services, spiritual life retreats, Lenten study groups, and dorm prayer cells.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The Social Action Committee sponsors services at the Durham County Home and county jails each Sunday morning. Also, this committee makes available to students literature which is pertinent to current affairs.





MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Missions Committee provides an opportunity for students to gain a better understanding of the world and home mission enterprise. A symposium on missions is sponsored annually.



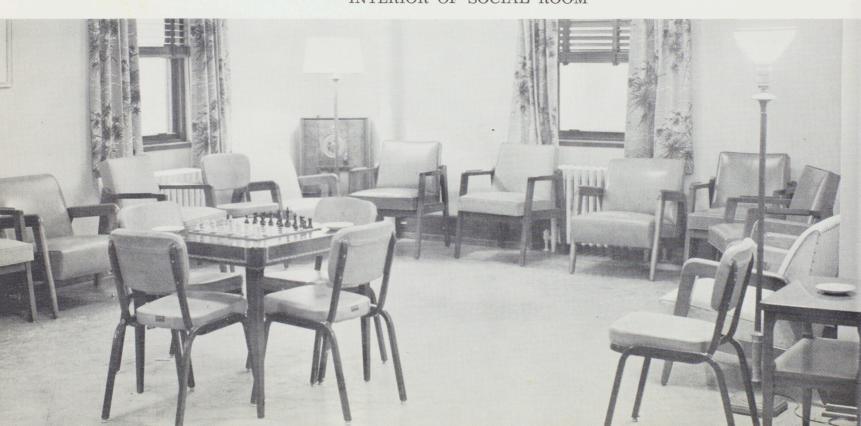
Encounter

Co-editors TED MORTON AND MOODY SMITH

This year marked the second appearance of *Encounter*, The Divinity School's new concept in the realm of seminary publication. Conceived in the spring of 1954, the magazine issued its first edition during the spring term of 1955. Under the auspices of the Student Council, this new endeavor in theological journalism seems to be assured a lasting place in the life of The Divinity School.

Dedicated to the principle of providing a creative meeting between theological study and parish life, *Encounter* has endeavored to broaden its scope during this past year. Features have been incorporated with the idea of giving the magazine permanent, as well as contemporary, value. Editorials, lectures, sermons, book reviews and articles on current events are published with this principle in mind. In this way *Encounter* seeks to serve the members of this Student Body.

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The Duke Divinity Dames is an organization of the wives of the Divinity School and the Graduate School of Religion. Meetings are held each month usually in the homes of faculty members. (One of these meetings is pictured above.)

Our programs are planned around subjects to prepare us to become better ministers' wives. Among the subjects presented this past year were church symbolism and architecture, the role of the minister's wife in pastoral care, living on a parsonage budget, and the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

In February we held our annual Family Night Supper. At this time the whole family came together for fellowship and recreation. This was a highlight of the year.

As it may be seen the purpose of the Divinity Dames is twofold—to provide opportunities for friendship and fellowship and to provide stimulating programs which will enable us to be the best possible partners in the great calling of our husbands.

The Duke Circuit Rider

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All the work and worry—and fun—is over now. The book you're holding represents our best efforts to portray the life of the Duke Divinity School in 1955-'56.

We, as all innocent annual staffs, fell in all the standard pitfalls; however, the work did get done, thanks to a lot of students and people on and off the staff. The first worry was money, and Leonard Ranson with the assistance of Mickey Fisher, Warren Bishop, Tommy Parsons, and Henry Heath supplied funds in such quantity that the editorial staff was rarely hampered by poverty. The great quantity of student photography required for the book is the work of Elmo Knoch, ably assisted by Bob Regnier and Ed Wright. Our heartfelt thanks go to Mrs. Walter Smith in supplying the report for the Divinity Dames' page; to Ted Morton for providing the necessary information concerning the Encounter; to Burns Nesbitt for the Duke Endowment report; and to Larry Greenwood for an account of the year's sports. For

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encouragement and necessary information provided by Miss Kendall and Dean Cannon we are truly thank-

We could not forget the faithful few who were plagued by the editor, who had ideas of his own. To Lisle Rath is due the credit for the art work uniting the book. Jewel Jones did a tremendous job typing the copywork, as well as collecting snapshots. Tom Lee aided by providing the necessary information concerning the Student Government and drawing the dummy pages. Mary Jo Whitted was the hard working odd job girl, editing pictures and doing copywork. Without their support and most needed assistance, the 1956 DUKE CIRCUIT RIDER could not have gone to press.

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Worry and work . . . collecting ads . . . drawing the dummy . . . copywork being typed . . . meeting deadlines . . . then finally our masterpiece—the Duke Circuit Rider of 1956!

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Out of the Duke family's concern for education, church life, and health care came the establishment of the trust known as the Duke Endowment. A portion of the income from these invested funds is channeled through the Duke Endowment Office in the Divinity School for church construction and expansion and for the support of the ministry and ministerial education. Funds are provided to help support ministers on mission charges and to bring summertime assistants for expanding and enriching rural and small town church programs.

This summertime program has the double purpose of helping the churches in their own work and of providing working church experience and financial assistance for Duke Divinity students. This "on-the-

job" training program greatly broadens and enriches the student's preparation for the ministry.

From the beginning in 1926 through last year 1,821 students have received \$736,580 in grants-in-aid for their participation. They have preached 31,665 sermons, conducted 3,915 vacation church schools, held 2,274 leadership training workshops, made 422 surveys and 209,113 pastoral calls, received into the church 9,752 new members, and in the years 1951-55 led 296 revivals, organized 14 new churches and many youth fellowships; thus contributing inestimably to the work of the church in North Carolina and surrounding areas.

During the summer of 1956 eighty-two more students will serve Christ through the Duke Endowment's program of field work.



Divinity School Sports

The students of the Divinity School engaged wholeheartedly in both the University intramural sports program and in intradivinity activities this school year. This fall we had one of the best turn outs in years for intramural football. The Divinity "Halos" won their divisional championship by beating their close rivals the "Legal Eagles" 18-0. This was a game which displayed good playing and good sportsmanship on the part of both teams. The "Halos" won 12-0 in the semi-finals of the University playoffs. In the finals two undefeated and unscored on teams met in Duke Stadium for the University Championship. Trailing 6-0 at half-time a determined Divinity team came back the second half to win 7-6 in a great display of team work, and on the passing arm of "Rock" Crow and the pass snatching of "Bo" Medlin.

Thus, under the direction of Coaches Greenwood and Ranson, the "Halos" compiled a record of 10 wins and 0 defeats. We had three of our team to make the All Intramural squad: Boyce Medlin, Earl Crow, and Joe Morris. Two beautiful trophies were added to our growing collection.

In basketball the Divines entered two teams. Neither team won a championship, but all had a good time and were able to give most teams a good game.

We were well represented in both Volley-ball and Softball. Again this year, the intradivinity sports consisted of tennis, golf and ping-pong.

Athletics has played a great part this year in creating a better spirit of fellow ship among not only the students of the Divinity School but also the University as a whole

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Fore!

University Intramural Football Champions-1955





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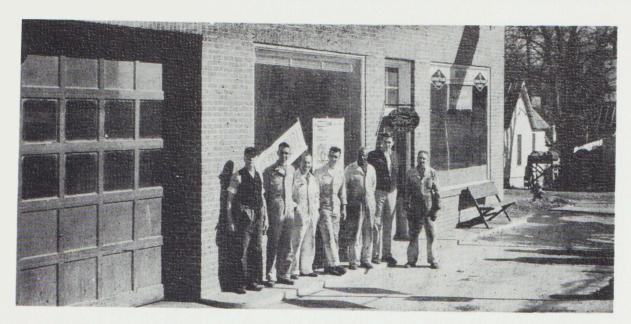
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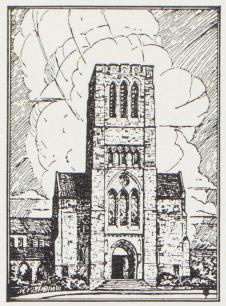
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