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At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees on January 29, 1941, business was transacted of extreme interest to the readers of the *Bulletin*. Dr. Robert Lee Flowers was elected to the presidency made vacant by the death of the late lamented President William Preston Few. Mr. Henry R. Dwire was elected as a vice-president of the University.

At the same meeting the resignation of Dean Elbert Russell as Dean of the School of Religion was tendered and accepted. Dr. Paul Neff Garber was elected to succeed Dr. Russell as dean.

Dr. J. B. Craven and the Reverend H. B. Porter were elected trustees to fill the vacancies caused by the death of Dr. T. F. Marr and the Reverend J. B. Hurley. These two were members of the Committee of the Board of Trustees on the School of Religion.

A further action of importance was the authorization for the change of the name of the School of Religion to that of the Divinity School. While the former name is used throughout this issue of the *Bulletin*, the School will hereafter be known by its new name. The seal imprinted at the top of this page is a reminder that whether under the old leadership or the new; whether under our new name or the old, the School is dedicated to the ideals set forth in that seal: *Eruditio et Religio*.



ROBERT LEE FLOWERS
PRESIDENT OF DUKE UNIVERSITY

THE NEW PRESIDENT

The election of Dr. Robert Lee Flowers on January 29, 1941, as president of Duke University brought unanimous praise from the alumni and friends of the institution. In President Flowers Duke University has the leadership of an able and experienced educational executive.

President Flowers was born at York Collegiate Institute, North Carolina. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1891 and in the same year became professor of Mathematics at Trinity College. He is the only member of the present faculty of Duke University who served both at "Old Trinity" in Randolph County and on the campus at Durham.

During the presidency of John Carlisle Kilgo, from 1894 to 1910, Dr. Kilgo relied heavily upon Dr. Flowers for assistance in academic matters. A biographer has recently described the services of Dr. Flowers during the Kilgo administration as follows: "The trying days of the institution as it sought to establish itself firmly in an industrial community were teeming with the enthusiasm and work of this young professor, whose association never became narrow or prejudiced and who always kept a vision of greater and better opportunities for service."

In 1910 Dr. Flowers became secretary to the corporation; in 1924 he was elected treasurer of the institution; and since 1924 has been vice-president of Duke University in charge of the business division. Washington Duke and his sons sought advice of Dr. Flowers in making their many benefactions to Duke University. Dr. Flowers was elected by the alumni as a trustee of Duke University and since 1924 he has served as a trustee of the Duke Endowment. It is doubtful if any other individual has rendered so many varied services to Duke University as has President Flowers through his many years as teacher and administrator.

President Flowers has always responded to the many calls for his services in state and church affairs. He is a trustee of Greensboro College, Methodist Orphanage, Oxford Orphanage, North Carolina College for Negroes and Lincoln Hospital for Negroes. He has often been a delegate from the North Carolina Conference to the General Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. As a member of the Judicial Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, he helped to draft in 1938 the legal decision which declared Methodist Unification to be valid.



HENRY R. DWIRE
VICE-PRESIDENT OF DUKE UNIVERSITY

THE NEW VICE-PRESIDENT

Henry R. Dwire, Duke alumnus of the Class of 1902, who has served for eleven years as Director of Public Relations and Alumni Affairs, was elected as one of the two vice-presidents of the University by the Board of Trustees at the mid-winter meeting on January 29, 1941. Dean W. H. Wannamaker has been vice-president for a number of years and continues in that capacity along with his duties as Dean of the University.

Mr. Dwire will continue the work which he has been doing since he joined the Duke staff in January, 1930. In addition to his other service in the line of public relations and alumni activities, he is Managing Editor of the *South Atlantic Quarterly*, Editor of the *Duke Alumni Register*, and Director of the Duke University Press.

After his graduation from Trinity College in 1902, the new vice-president received the degree of A.M. in 1903, serving as assistant in the Department of English during his graduate year. Immediately following, he was instructor at the Fishburne Military School, Waynesboro, Va.

Before coming to Duke to assume the duties in which he has been engaged for the past eleven years, Mr. Dwire was for twenty-two years editor of the *Twin City Sentinel* of Winston-Salem, N. C., and during the latter part of this period was co-publisher. A native of Winston-Salem, he served in 1929 as chairman of the Community Chest Commission there and was chairman of the Red Cross Chapter. He was chairman of the Winston-Salem City School Commission for several years.

Mr. Dwire was secretary of the Board of Directors of the State Hospital at Raleigh, N. C., until the time of his appointment to the State Board of Equalization. He has been for the past nine years a member of that body and of its successor, the State School Commission. He has received appointments to State Commissions from four governors of North Carolina, beginning with the late Governor A. W. McLean.

Mr. Dwire was a charter member of the Winston-Salem Rotary Club and in 1929-1930 was governor of the Fifty-seventh District of Rotary International. He has spoken frequently at Rotary conferences and at civic and church gatherings in North Carolina and other states.

He has served as lay leader of the Winston-Salem District of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and as a member of the Western North Carolina Conference Board of Lay Activities.



ELBERT RUSSELL
DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF RELIGION
1928-1941

THE DEAN EMERITUS

Dean Elbert Russell was born at Friendsville, Tennessee, in 1871, and moved to Indiana in 1879. The record of his higher education is as follows: Earlham College, A.B., 1894; M.A., 1895; University of Chicago, Fellow in New Testament, 1902-1903; Ph.D., 1919; Johns Hopkins University, fellow by courtesy in Semitics in the Oriental Seminary, 1915-1917; Boston University (Hon.) Litt.D., 1939.

He has held the following positions: professor of Biblical Literature and college pastor, Earlham College, 1894-1901, 1903-1915; lecturer in Biblical Literature, Johns Hopkins University, 1915-1917; director of Woolman School, lecturer in Biblical Literature in Swarthmore College and lecturer in Quaker history in Haverford Graduate School, 1917-1924, 1925-1926.

He is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature, the American Oriental Society, the National Association of Biblical Instructors, and Phi Beta Kappa. He is a member and minister of the Society of Friends. He attended the All-Friends Conference in London, 1920; the All-American Friends Conference, Oskaloosa, Iowa, 1929; and the Friends World Conference, Swarthmore, Pa., 1937.

Dean Russell lectured in summer schools and at various meetings in England and Ireland in 1909 and again in 1924. He and Mrs. Russell spent the year 1924-1925 in Central Europe under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee in the interest of post-war relief and international understanding after the World War.

In 1927 Dean Russell was a member of a commission sent by the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the American Friends Service Committee in the interest of better understanding with Central America. In 1933-34 he and Mrs. Russell travelled around the world, visiting mission stations in Japan, Korea, China, India, Egypt, Palestine, Syria, Turkey, and Greece.

Dean Russell attended the Stockholm Conference in 1925 and the Oxford and Edinburgh Conferences in 1937; and he was a member of the Utrecht Conference, which prepared the constitution of the World Council of Churches.

He has published the following books: *The Parables of Jesus*; *Jesus of Nazareth in the Light of Today*; *As Each Day Comes*; *The Separation After a Century*; *The Beatitudes*; *The Message of the Fourth Gospel*; *A Book of Chapel Talks*; *More Chapel Talks*.



PAUL NEFF GARBER
DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF RELIGION

THE NEW DEAN

Paul Neff Garber, third dean of the School of Religion, was born at New Market, Virginia, July 27, 1899. His higher education was secured at Bridgewater College, Crozer Theological Seminary and the University of Pennsylvania. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Bridgewater College in 1919 and the degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania in 1922 and 1923, respectively.

After serving as instructor for one year at Brown University, Dr. Garber became assistant professor of history at Trinity College. In 1926 he was appointed professor of Church History in the School of Religion, being one of the charter members of that faculty. Since 1928 Dr. Garber has been registrar of the School of Religion and since 1934 has been director of the Junaluska School of Religion (affiliated with Duke University).

Dr. Garber is a recognized authority in Methodist history and has been responsible for the assembling at Duke University of an outstanding collection of Methodist records. Two of his books, *The Legal and Historical Aspects of the Plan of Union* (1938) and *The Methodists Are One People* (1939) are credited with having played an important part in the successful consummation of the union of the three major branches of American Methodism to form The Methodist Church in 1939. Other books by Dr. Garber are *The Gadsden Treaty* (1923); *That Fighting Spirit of Methodism* (1928); *The Romance of American Methodism* (1930); and *John Carlisle Kilgo, President of Trinity College, 1894-1910* (1937).

Dr. Garber is actively connected with the work of the Methodist Church, holding his membership in the Western North Carolina Conference. He was a member of the Uniting Methodist Conference, held at Kansas City, Missouri, in 1939, and of the first General Conference of the Methodist Church, which met in 1940 at Atlantic City. At the latter conference Dr. Garber was chairman of the Committee on Publishing Interests, which merged the seven official weekly periodicals of the three former Methodist churches into a national Methodist weekly known as *The Christian Advocate*. Dr. Garber is president of the Association of Methodist Theological Schools, vice-president of the Association of Methodist Historical Societies, and secretary of the Ecumenical Methodist Council. He is a member of the Board of Publication and of the Commission on the Course of Study of the Methodist Church.

STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT FLOWERS

Union Institute, the forerunner of Trinity College and Duke University, was founded by Quakers and Methodists in Randolph County, North Carolina, in 1838. From the beginning there was a close relationship between educational and religious forces in the support of the institution. This union of religion and education has always characterized the program of the educational institution now known as Duke University. The motto of Trinity College, which appears on the seal of Duke University is "Eru-ditio et Religio."

Many contributions were made toward ministerial training prior to the organization of the School of Religion in 1926. Since 1838 hundreds of our graduates have entered the Christian ministry. In 1895 the Avera School of Biblical Literature, an undergraduate department, was organized at Trinity College. This was the first distinct department of instruction in Biblical subjects introduced into the curriculum of a Southern college.

The influence of the Methodist circuit riders upon Washington Duke caused him and his children always to hold the Christian ministry in high esteem and they often expressed a desire that the church should have adequately trained leaders. In his deed of indenture James B. Duke directed that Duke University give attention to the training of preachers and the School of Religion, a graduate school, was the first new unit organized in Duke University.

During the past fifteen years the School of Religion has made a vital contribution to the religious life of the nation, especially in the Southern states. Six hundred alumni are now serving as pastors, teachers, missionaries, chaplains, directors of religious education and editors of religious periodicals.

Since September, 1928, Dr. Elbert Russell has served as Dean of the School of Religion and has made a lasting contribution to the institution and its constituency. It was with sincere regret that the Board of Trustees received his resignation. In Dr. Paul Neff Garber the School of Religion has a worthy successor to Dean Russell. Dr. Garber has been connected with the School since its organization. He assumes the office of dean with the support and best wishes of the administration.

When the School of Religion was organized in 1926 Mr. Joseph G. Brown, then president of the Board of Trustees, declared that it was the hope of the authorities of Duke University that the School of Religion "may be able to build up strong men—men of

the highest ideals, men, fixed in their faith, consecrated in their lives, ready and fully prepared, as they go out from this institution, to preach to all peoples, the Christ of the Gospel." That is still the goal held by the administration for the School of Religion.

ROBERT LEE FLOWERS.

STATEMENT BY VICE-PRESIDENT DWIRE

It has been my privilege during eleven years here to make some observations of the service rendered by the School of Religion. I have been impressed both with the high efficiency of the work already being done, and with the prospects for increasing usefulness in the years ahead on the basis of the foundation that has been laid.

It has often been said that the best test of any agency or institution is to be found in the character and efficiency of its product. Judged by this standard, the School of Religion is doing a work of which we all have good reason to be proud. There is from year to year a body of capable students, trained by a scholarly and devoted faculty of men of high aims and aspirations. When the graduates go out from the institution they discharge their pastoral duties in such a way as to render genuine service in their chosen field, and at the same time to give those with whom they come in contact a conception of the real ideals and purposes of Duke University.

I have opportunities from time to time to visit communities in which graduates of the School of Religion are serving churches, some of them men who have gone out in very recent years. Frequently I hear comments on the readiness and the efficiency with which they take hold of tasks that are new to them. They do not have to learn from the beginning the technique of pastoral work. This is at once a tribute to the quality of the men admitted to the School of Religion and to the well-balanced combination of the practical with the theoretical in their training here. I am sure the program of summer training, the "clinical" work that is being carried on so successfully from year to year with the cooperation of the Duke Foundation, has contributed in no small measure to this result.

Along with appreciation of the work the School of Religion graduates are doing in their chosen vocation, I am glad to make grateful recognition of their continuing interest in, and devotion to, the institution and its alumni causes. Certainly the alumni of no school of the University surpass them in this respect.

There is much work ahead, to be sure, but the success already achieved by the School of Religion gives every reason to hope for even more substantial achievements in the years to come. I shall be ready at all times to aid in any way possible.

HENRY R. DWIRE.

STATEMENT BY THE RETIRING DEAN

When I came to Duke University fifteen years ago as professor of Biblical Interpretation it was with the expectation of spending the remaining years of my professional life in my chosen work of teaching the Bible, undisturbed by such administrative duties as had previously fallen to me as director of a small religious training school.

When Dean Edmund D. Soper resigned at the end of August, 1928, to become president of Ohio Wesleyan University and I was drafted as acting-dean, it was with the stipulation that I was to be relieved of the position as soon as a permanent dean could be secured. Now that I have reached the retiring age and a satisfactory successor has been found, I am ready to turn over the deanship to Dr. Paul Neff Garber and hope again for a few years of undistracted teaching.

In the Winter Number of 1940 of the *Bulletin* I made the following statement: "There are signs that a general revival of vital, aggressive Christianity, such as has been prayed for and expected in various quarters since 1917, may be at last on the way in this country." I then added that "There are signs of rising religious eagerness and dedication among the students of the School of Religion which seem to promise that they are preparing to take places of leadership in such a forward movement in the church." I retire from the deanship still holding both of these views. I still believe that a revival of vital Christianity will soon occur and I feel that the alumni of the School of Religion will play an important role in the movement.

I am grateful for the privilege of having a part in building up such an institution as the Duke School of Religion. I wish to express my thanks to the officers of the University and the faculty of the School of Religion for their cordial and loyal cooperation and to the students and alumni for their confidence and support.

It is not necessary for me to speak of Dr. Garber's qualifications for the deanship. I could hardly have carried on in the dean's office without his able and loyal cooperation as registrar.

His counsel has been invaluable to me and was sought more and more by President Few. His scholarship is attested by a steadily growing list of publications. He had an important part in Methodist unification and has become one of the outstanding figures in united Methodism. Dr. Garber has fine ideals of character and a wide understanding of the problems of the church at large; and he has a deep personal understanding and experience of the nature of the Christian religion. I bespeak for him the fullest confidence and support of faculty, students, and alumni.

ELBERT RUSSELL

STATEMENT BY DEAN GARBER

In his address at the formal opening of the School of Religion on November 9, 1926, President William Preston Few made the following statement: "If this School of Religion is to fulfill the high hopes that many this day cherish for it, then it must hold up worthy intellectual standards and worthy standards of ministerial efficiency and at the same time be eagerly committed to the active tasks of practical Christianity."

Nearly fifteen years have passed since those words were spoken, but the three principles of intellectual honesty, ministerial efficiency, and practical Christianity still remain and in my estimation must always continue as basic characteristics of the School of Religion of Duke University. For one hundred years academic freedom has been cherished at Trinity College and Duke University. The School of Religion is in full accord with the historic statement made by the Board of Trustees on December 2, 1903, namely: "Any form of coercion of thought and private judgment is contrary to one of the constitutional aims of Trinity College, which is to 'cherish a sincere spirit of tolerance. . . .' The search for truth should be unhampered and in an atmosphere that is free."

A theological school would be recreant to a sacred obligation if it failed to inform its students concerning the techniques of efficient ministerial leadership. The history of theological education, however, offers evidence that many students who have made excellent academic records have not succeeded as pastors, because they lacked knowledge of practical church management. A physician is required to serve an internship before entering his profession; in like manner, a young preacher should have had supervised field work before assuming a pastorate. Through the plan of having students serve as assistants in rural churches dur-

ing the summer vacations the School of Religion is endeavoring to furnish practical pastoral experience for its graduates.

President Few revealed a knowledge of the history of theological education when he expressed the hope that the School of Religion would always be committed to the active tasks of practical Christianity. He recognized the danger of having a theological seminary offer a type of theoretical training which has little or no relation to the problems of the average citizen. It is much easier to diagnose the ills of the world than it is to offer a remedy. The task becomes even more difficult when the effort is made to apply the prescription. To solve social and economic problems in the classroom presents fewer difficulties than to face the same issues in a local church or a community. It is much easier to furnish a theoretical explanation of how to save the world in general than it is to bring salvation in a definite manner to any particular small area of the world. For fifteen years the *Bulletin of the School of Religion* has carried this sentence: "Still it must be kept clear that the minister in charge of a church, who is placed before the people to preach the Gospel of Christ, is the center and key to the whole problem of Christian work in the church." It is expected that the graduates of the School of Religion shall be prophets of a new day; but it is hoped that their prophetic function will not be so general in nature that it will fail to have a definite relation to the problems and tasks of a local church and area.

It is, of course, a trite statement to say that Christianity and civilization are challenged today by stupendous forces. In an hour like this does a theological seminary have a message of hope for its students and constituency? The answer must be in the affirmative; for in the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth there is a philosophy of life which, if adopted by enough people, will produce the long sought Utopia. The tragedy is that there is always the subtle temptation to waste valuable time and energy in the discussion of minor aspects of the Christian program instead of stressing the major principles which have been verified by nineteen hundred years of church history. With the world facing impending chaos Christian ministers and laymen expect more from a theological school than activity in a modernist-fundamentalist controversy; or arguments concerning the relative merits of evangelism and religious education; or contention over the supposed differences between the social gospel and individual salvation; or excitement over the superficial religious issues that seem to arise in each decade.

There should be in the School of Religion of Duke University the spirit of Christian love and brotherhood that will cause all members of the School to live above the small and petty features of daily living. President John C. Kilgo always considered the following statement made by a prominent citizen of North Carolina as one of the greatest tributes ever paid to Trinity College: "It has been my observation that one of the chief distinctions of Trinity men is that they are not the stuff out of which you make demagogues." Let us hope that this tribute can always be applied to the graduates of the School of Religion. Our alumni should be Christian statesman, not demagogues.

In the producing of Christian statesmen the faculty members of a theological school have a solemn and sacred obligation to exemplify the basic Christian principles. For the past thirteen years our School has been fortunate in having, in Dean Elbert Russell, a leader who has stood the test of a Christian gentleman. The Golden Rule has had more than a theoretical meaning in the life of Elbert Russell, and the truth of this statement is attested by the six hundred alumni of the School of Religion. Among the traditions of the School of Religion there will always remain that personal contribution of Elbert Russell, namely, that Christianity is not merely a theory, but that it can be exemplified in daily life. Faculty members, students and alumni are happy that Dr. Russell will remain with the School of Religion as Dean Emeritus, professor of Biblical Literature, and one of the stated preachers to the University.

PAUL NEFF GARBER.

EDENTON STREET METHODIST CHURCH GIVES SCHOLARSHIP TO SCHOOL OF RELIGION

By action of the Board of Stewards of Edenton Street Methodist Church of Raleigh, North Carolina, another scholarship has been given to the School of Religion. By this gift a student will be granted financial assistance to the amount of \$400 during the academic session. The holder of the scholarship must be a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

Edenton Street Church is the largest Methodist Church in the North Carolina Conference, having a membership of 2,923. Dr. John C. Glenn is the pastor. The junior preacher is the Reverend J. H. Overton, Class of 1939.

Edenton Street Church has always been closely related to Trinity College and Duke University. Mr. Joseph G. Brown, who was

for many years chairman of the Board of Trustees of Trinity College and Duke University, was a member of this church. Mr. N. Edward Edgerton, chairman of the Edgerton Scholarship Campaign for the School of Religion, is a member of the Board of Stewards of Edenton Street Church.

Mr. H. A. Dupree, chairman of the Board of Stewards and Mr. B. T. Ferguson, chairman of the Finance Committee, enthusiastically endorsed the granting of the scholarship. The members of the Special Committee on the scholarship were Mr. C. A. Dillon, Dr. H. O. Lineberger, and Mr. P. D. Snipes.

The faculty of the School of Religion is grateful to the pastors, the stewards and the membership of Edenton Street Church for this scholarship. It will make possible the education each year of another theological student. This action also is an evidence of the interest of Methodist laymen in assisting in the training of their future preachers.

IN RE MISSIONS

The School of Religion of Duke University is especially proud of the success which has been achieved by its graduates in the field of foreign missions. The management of the BULLETIN had planned to have a report from the missionary activities of some of its men in the present issue of the BULLETIN. To this end two of its outstanding representatives in the foreign field had been contacted and reports secured from them on their work. A lengthy article concerning these men and the nature of their work in the foreign fields had been contemplated for this issue of the BULLETIN. Important changes in the administration of both Duke University and the Duke School of Religion necessitated a change of plans, since a great deal of the current issue of the BULLETIN must be given over to a statement as to the changes in personnel and messages from the officials concerned. It is, therefore, impossible to publish the articles which were so kindly contributed. These will be kept, however, until the following issue of the BULLETIN, and will be given due place there.

The alumni who were so kind as to furnish the articles requested were: the Reverend Charles W. Clay, of Brazil, and the Reverend W. Ferrell Pledger, of India. Both of these men have been remarkably successful in their fields, and their reports are full of interest. Mr. Clay has been in Brazil for several years teaching at Granberry Institute, helping in the Department of Religious Education in the Methodist Seminary at Juiz de Fora, Minas,

Brazil. He has also been a pastor, Conference Secretary for the Board of Christian Education, Conference Secretary for the Board of Social Action, and has in addition to these tasks found time to write leaflets, booklets, posters and plays. He is now in America for a year's furlough and is at present located in Durham.

Mr. Pledger is located at Godhra, Panch Mahals, India. He has sent a most interesting account of his work, which has included both teaching and preaching. He has been principal of a Methodist boys' high school in Baroda, in addition to doing other work incident to a missionary's vocation. The accounts of the work of these two men are thrilling and romantic in their nature in such a way as to cause one to wonder why more ministers do not select the foreign field as a place in which to do their life's work.

H. E. SPENCE.

DUKE SUMMER INSTITUTES

The Duke Institutes, composed of the North Carolina Pastors' School and the Rural Church Institute and Bible Conference, have come to be a tradition of long standing. The session of the Institutes this year will be held at Duke University, June 2-7. The program of courses, instructors, and speakers that has been arranged for the 1941 session should attract rather wide attention.

Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Dickinson of Columbia University, ministers of worship in the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, will offer a course in "Worship." Dr. Dickinson will give an organ recital one evening during the week and he will have two or three conferences with persons who are more technically interested in religious music. Dr. Oscar T. Olson, Methodist minister of Cleveland, Ohio, will offer a course on "The Pastor and His Task." Dr. C. E. Forlines, President of Westminster Theological Seminary, will give a course on "Christian Doctrine of God." Dr. W. A. Smart, professor in the Candler School of Theology, will offer a course in "Apocalyptic Literature and Movements."

Dr. James Moffatt of Union Theological Seminary will offer a course in the "Gospel of John." Dr. Arthur Hewitt, author and rural minister of Vermont, will give a course on "Rural Pastoral Theology." Dr. Rollin H. Walker, professor of Bible in Ohio Wesleyan University, will offer a course on "The Teachings of Paul." Mrs. W. G. Cram, of New York City, will give a course on "Christians and the World Order." Dr. E. D. Staples, Educational Secretary at Nashville, will give a course on "Working with

Youth." Miss Elizabeth Oliver, of Salisbury, North Carolina, will offer a course on "The Church and the Children."

The daily morning worship services will be conducted by Professor H. E. Spence, and the speaker for each morning will be Bishop Clare Purcell. The subjects outlined for the various meetings are:

1. Learning to Worship God.
2. Learning to Cherish the Church.
3. Learning to Honor Humanity.
4. Learning to Love the Law.
5. Learning to Follow Divine Guidance.

Some of the men listed as instructors will deliver addresses at the public assemblies. In addition to these, Dr. Albert W. Beaven, President of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, and Dr. Bernard C. Clausen, Baptist minister in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, will be among the speakers.

A nominal registration fee of one dollar is all the charge that is made for attending these Institutes and the University provides meals at a very reasonable rate.

The number of inquiries in regard to this summer's Institutes is larger than usual. Further inquiries may be directed to Dr. J. M. Ormond, dean of the Pastor's School.

THE JUNALUSKA SCHOOL OF RELIGION

The fourteenth session of the Junaluska School of Religion will be held at Lake Junaluska, July 21-August 30, 1941. This School is a joint enterprise under the direction of the School of Religion of Duke University, the Board of Education and the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church. It was established in 1928 to provide an opportunity during the summer months for religious workers and students to secure at the seat of one of the Church-wide assemblies courses of study which could be credited on undergraduate and graduate degrees.

During the past thirteen years students have been enrolled from the following groups: pastors, employed officers of Annual Conference Boards; officers of General Boards of the Church; professors of Religions Education and Bible in church-related colleges and universities; persons accredited as instructors in Training Schools; individuals desiring courses which would count on the Bachelor of Arts degree; graduate and theological students desiring courses to be credited on the Bachelor of Divinity degree.

The Junaluska School of Religion offers an unusual opportunity to pastors and directors of religious education who desire courses in line with the work they are doing, which will keep them abreast of the currents of thought in the religious world of today, and which will at the same time give them credit on college, university and seminary degrees.

The credits secured for work done will be Duke University credits and will count on the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity degrees. These credits may, of course, be transferred to other colleges, universities, and theological schools in the same way that such transfer of credit is usually made.

The faculty will consist of Professors Paul N. Garber, K. W. Clark, and Albert C. Outler from the School of Religion; Professor D. M. Maynard of Scarritt College; Dr. H. N. Beimfohr, Director of the Wesley Foundation, Southern California-Arizona Conference; Dr. Elmer T. Clark, editor of *World Outlook*; and Dean J. K. Benton of Vanderbilt University. Courses will be offered in New Testament, Historical Theology, Church History, Religious Education, Missions, and Philosophy of Religion.

NOTICE, ALUMNI

Dear Fellow-Alumni:

Please mark Thursday, June 5, on your engagement book as an important date. That is the time of the annual banquet of the School of Religion Alumni Association.

The Executive Council of the Association met at Duke on April 10, and decided on this date, which is the Thursday of the week of the North Carolina Pastors' School. The speaker chosen is Dr. Hersey E. Spence, B.D. '26. Enough said! Dr. Spence never fails to bring a message that interests, amuses, and inspires his hearers. We are fortunate to have him as a fellow-alumnus, and to have him consent to speak at our banquet.

We plan to have the banquet served for the popular price of fifty cents. It is to be at 6:00 P.M. in the Duke Union. You will receive a letter in May calling your attention again to the banquet. Plan now to attend, and when you get the letter, write at once to the executive secretary, T. M. Vick, Jr., telling him you will be present.

May I urge you to make a special effort to attend the banquet? It will provide a great opportunity for renewing old friendships, facing new problems intelligently, and cultivating some of our

most precious fellowships and associations. I shall hope to see you on June 5.

Sincerely yours,

C. C. HERBERT, JR.

President, Alumni Association.

DR. CLARK'S NEW BOOK

The University of Chicago Press has brought out by planographic process Dr. Kenneth W. Clark's book, *Eight American Praxapostoloi*. This work makes available a collated text of all the manuscripts of Acts and the Epistles known to be in American collections, including one new manuscript of much textual significance. Dr. Clark has been engaged in work on this book for the past ten years. In addition to the collated text, the book includes eight plates giving a sample page from each of the manuscripts.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES—SECOND SEMESTER

Student activities of the second semester have been featured by several outstanding forums. The first of these was led by Dr. Henry Nelson Wieman of the University of Chicago who spoke in York Chapel at the noon hour and in the Social Room at night. Sponsored by the Polity Club and the School of Religion, Kirby Page gave two lectures and led discussion on the campus on February 12. His subjects were: "How Can We Defend American Democracy?" and "Christianity's Answer to Totalitarianism."

Worthy of special mention is the contribution made to student thinking by Dr. Louis Finkelstein, President of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Appearing on February 18, Dr. Finkelstein spoke twice on "The Pharisees," and at a third session gave his interpretation of world conditions.

Two forums of a different nature included one led by Dr. Albert C. Outler, of the School of Religion Faculty, on "Ministerial Ethics," and one led by Dr. A. Heninburg, head of the Department of Education at North Carolina College for Negroes, on the relation of the minister to race relations. The two final forums of the semester were led by Mr. James F. Barrett of the American Federation of Labor, who spoke on "The Minister and Labor Problems," and Dr. A. W. Palmer of the Chicago Theological Seminary.

Dean Thomas W. Graham of Oberlin College visited the School in April and spoke on the world conditions as he interpreted them in light of his recent trip around the world. In his address Dean Graham made a plea for world-wide Christian brotherhood.

Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr of Union Theological Seminary was honor guest at a faculty-student breakfast on April 6. Dr. Niebuhr led an informal discussion on the place of the Church in the world crisis.

Of particular interest to all seminary students was the annual Inter-Seminary Conference for the Southeastern Region, which met in Lexington, Kentucky, March 26-28. Paul Carruth led a Duke delegation of eight men to the Conference, which was featured by platform addresses by Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy, Executive Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement.

The Duke Endowment Association, of which Mr. C. Ralph Arthur is president, sponsored a Recreation Institute for the benefit of the men who will direct play in conjunction with their summer church work in North Carolina. The Institute was held in a series of Saturday evening sessions extending over a period of several weeks. Of similar nature was a Vacation Church School Institute led by Miss Alma Cade and Miss Elizabeth Oliver, Directors of Children's Work in the North Carolina Conference and the Western North Carolina Conference respectively. The Institute was featured by an exhibit of materials and by a demonstration of techniques for the direction of Daily Vacation Church Schools.

The School of Religion men participated in the University's cycle of pre-Easter services and assisted in administering the Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday evening. The same day an appropriate service was held in York Chapel at the noon hour. At that time a one-act play entitled "Barabbas" was presented under the direction of Dr. H. E. Spence.

Dean Elbert Russell, Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe and Dr. Ray C. Petry have led devotional and discussion groups each week throughout the term. In April these groups devoted themselves largely to preparation for the Spring Spiritual Life Retreat. The Retreat was held April 20-22 and was led by Dr. W. A. Smart of the Candler School of Theology of Emory University. Dr. Smart made five platform addresses and led an open forum discussion.

Members of the student body made a creditable showing in the intramural athletic program of the University. Divisional

championships were won in basketball and volley ball and full teams were entered in softball, hand ball, tennis and other sports.

The annual School of Religion Banquet was held May 2, at the Washington Duke Hotel. Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes was the speaker for the occasion.

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FACULTY ACTIVITIES

DR. HARVIE BRANSCOMB delivered the Shaffer Lectures at Yale University February 24-27. His subjects were: "Realized Eschatology—the Thesis and Its Difficulties"; "The Jewish Idea of the Reign"; "The Origin of the Conception of the Church as the Kingdom of God"; and "The Union of Eschatology and Ethics." He also delivered two lectures at Wellesley College on the general subject "Dominant Ideas in Early Christian Thought."

DR. JAMES CANNON, III, while on sabbatical leave this semester, has spent most of his time at International House, New York City, and has worked in various libraries there and at New Haven and Boston. He preached during the semester at Main Street Methodist Church, Gastonia, N. C., Johnson Memorial Methodist Church, Huntington, W. Va., West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, N. C., and the Presbyterian Church at Chapel Hill. Dr. Cannon represented the Duke Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at the national Phi Beta Kappa dinner in New York on February 18.

DR. KENNETH W. CLARK taught the course, "The Fourth Gospel," at the Lynchburg Christian Workers' School, February 9-14; "The Teachings of Jesus" at the Charlotte Christian Workers' School, February 23-28; and "The Teachings of Jesus" at the Greensboro Christian Workers' School, March 16-21. He preached at Memorial Methodist Church, Lynchburg, on February 9, 1941, and at West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, on March 16, 1941. His book, *Eight American Praxapostoloi*, was published on January 21, 1941. Two articles were published in the *Biblical Recorder*, February 26 and March 5, Series: "What Do We Know About the Bible?" and Parts VI-VII, "The Quest for the Original Text."

DR. HOMER H. DUBS went to Chicago for the meetings of the American Oriental Society on April 15 to 17, where he read a paper entitled "The Time and Circumstances of the Philosopher Lao-dz."

DR. PAUL N. GARBER attended the meeting of the executive

committee of the Board of Publication of the Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, January 27-28 and Richmond, Virginia, April 29-30. He attended the meeting of the Commission on the Course of Study of the Methodist Church, Washington, D. C., February 28. He participated in Methodist training schools in Greensboro, N. C., March 16-21 and Marion, S. C., March 23-28. On February 18-21 he delivered the Thirfield Lectures at Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., on the general subject "The Methodist Tradition." He delivered an address at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, N. C., during the annual Laymen's Week Program on March 4. On April 1 he spoke at the annual banquet of the young adult division at Love's Chapel, Walkertown, N. C. On April 8 he delivered an address before the Methodist laymen of the Athens-Elberton District, Athens, Ga. Dr. Garber's address before the College of Preachers of the Methodist Church at Evanston, Illinois, December 31 on the subject "Theological Education in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South" has been published in the symposium *The Church of Today and Tomorrow*.

DR. HORNELL HART delivered a series of lectures at the University of Michigan and at Detroit, January 10 to 22; he conducted Religious Emphasis Week-end at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., February 22 to 25; he gave a series of lectures in the Leadership Course for the Presbyterian churches of Durham, February 16 to 20; and made an address at the Young Peoples Inspirational Conference, Dilworth Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C., March 9. Dr. Hart gave a series of addresses and held discussion groups at conferences on family life in Columbus, and in Toledo, Ohio, March 25 to 28.

DR. FRANK S. HICKMAN made a trip to Lexington, Ky., where he read a paper on March 27 before the Southeastern Regional Conference of the American Association of Theological Schools. The paper was entitled "Specialized Training in the Seminary Program."

PROFESSOR H. E. MYERS preached at Jonesboro on Easter Sunday, April 13.

DR. J. M. ORMOND taught a course in the Epworth Training School at Trinity Church, Durham, February 23-28, and spoke on "Race Relations" to the student body at Louisburg College, March 14. On March 30 he preached at Graniteville, S. C.

DR. ALBERT C. OUTLER spoke at the Vesper Service at Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., January 12. He gave an address, "The Dilemma of Protestantism," at the Annual Convocation of

the North Carolina Council of Churches, High Point, N. C., January 16. He was keynote speaker at the Methodist State Student Conference at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, Wesson, Mississippi, February 13-16. He gave three addresses at the Young Men's Conference of the Carolinas, High Point, N. C., March 15-16. Dr. Outler also gave an address at the Alamance County Schoolmen's Club, Elon College, N. C., on April 9; preached at the First Baptist Church, Wendell, N. C., April 13; and preached at the District Conference of the New Bern District, at Asbury Church on the Dover Charge, April 17.

DR. RAY C. PETRY spoke to the Parent-Teachers' Association of Watts Street School, Durham, North Carolina, on February 19. He delivered the noon-day addresses at the North Carolina Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, at the Rocky Mount Methodist Church on March 26 and 27.

DR. GILBERT T. ROWE attended a conference composed of Bishop Purcell, district superintendents, educational secretaries, and college presidents and representatives at Sunny Acres, February 3-4, and opened a discussion with an address on "Religion in Church-related Colleges and Universities." He taught a course on "The Spirit and Genius of Methodism" in a training school at Newton, N. C., March 23-28. He made an address at the High Point District Missionary Institute, at Asheboro, March 31, on "Christian Missions in Relation to World Problems."

DR. ELBERT RUSSELL conducted a course on "High Lights of the New Testament" for the Epworth Training School at Trinity Church, Durham, February 24-27, addressed the Greensboro Rotary Club, Monday, March 10, on "Tendencies Toward Religious Unity in the World Today," and preached at the Presbyterian Church, Chapel Hill, March 16. Dr. Russell spoke at the Church Supper and Monthly Meeting of High Point Friends, Wednesday, March 19, on "Individual Responsibility for Social Action." He lectured at Providence Friends Meeting near Philadelphia, March 23, on "Christian Living in a Pagan World." He also spoke at a noon Lenten service at South Twelfth Street Meetinghouse, Philadelphia, Wednesday, March 26, and preached morning and evening at Hampton Institute, April 6.

DR. H. SHELTON SMITH served as Chairman of the Program Committee of the North Carolina Council of Churches held at High Point, North Carolina, January 16-18, 1941. At the annual meeting of the International Council of Religious Education held at Chicago, February 5-10, 1941, Professor Smith was re-elected as Chairman of the Professors' Advisory Section of the Council.

At the mid-year Retreat of the Eastern North Carolina Conference of the Congregational-Christian Church held at Youngsville, North Carolina, March 19, 1941, Professor Smith gave an address on "The Church in the Present World Crisis." At a meeting of the Institute of Religious Education of the Lexington Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church held at Staunton, Virginia, March 25-26, 1941, Professor Smith delivered three addresses on the following subjects: "The Dilemma of the Church," "The Church as Christian Community," and "The Church and the New Leviathan."

DR. H. E. SPENCE has taught in two schools for Christian workers during the recent weeks. One of these was the Rowan County Training School, held at Salisbury, N. C. The other was held at Spindale, N. C., for the Rutherford County group. The subject in both schools was "The Teachings of Jesus." Among other activities listed by Dr. Spence appear the following: An address before a group at the Interchurch Conference at High Point on the subject: "Drama in Religious Education"; a similar address before the Woman's Club in Raleigh, N. C.; a talk to the Kiwanis Club of Forest City, N. C.; an address at the dedication of the Allensville Church; an address before the Woman's Symposium held at Duke on the subject: "Religion as a Basic Need"; an address before the convention of the Woodmen of the World, held in Durham. Dr. Spence also produced a radio play over Station WDNC during Easter week. His Rhapsody of Redemption was presented as a part of the Choral Communion Service on Maundy Thursday in the Duke Chapel.

DR. W. F. STINESPRING read a paper entitled "Some Old Testament Passages Neglected by the Translators" before the American Oriental Society meeting in Chicago at the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, on April 15.

NOTES ON RECENT BOOKS

In this section attention will be called to new books which can be recommended as being likely to prove of special value to ministers and others particularly interested in religious questions. No attempt will be made to take notice of all the principal volumes coming from the press or to review extensively even those which are mentioned. A brief notice of a book here means that it is accounted worthy of more than ordinary consideration.

Christianity: An Inquiry into Its Nature and Truth. Harris Franklin Rall. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1941. 379 pp. \$2.50.

A great book, meriting the Bross prize of \$15,000. Written in clear style, it candidly faces all the difficult questions agitating theologians at the present time and offers reasonable solutions based upon the Bible and Christian experience. Recommended heartily as a book to be carefully read and given a permanent place in the preacher's library.—G. T. R.

A Short History of Christianity. Archibald G. Baker, Editor. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1940. 279 pp. \$2.00.

This book, which was produced in collaboration by members of the University of Chicago Divinity School faculty, presents the essentials of Christian history in readable, well-organized form. It is a clear, scholarly account of the "continuing church" designed to meet the needs of average readers, beginning students, and church study classes.—R. C. P.

A History of Church History: Studies of Some Historians of the Christian Church. Frederick John Foakes-Jackson. Cambridge: W. Heffer and Sons, Ltd., 1939. 184 pp. 7s 6d.

The Christian historians studied in these useful essays include Eusebius of Caesarea, Socrates, Sozomen, Theodore, Gregory of Tours, and the Venerable Bede. Chapters on the princess-historian Anna Comnena and on Gibbons' famed *Decline and Fall* are likewise highly informing.—R. C. P.

Christian Pacifism Re-examined. Cecil John Cadoux. Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1940. 245 pp. 12s 6d.

Dr. Cadoux wrote his book just as war was claiming the world again. His presentation, against such a background, of the Christian pacifist's position as he saw it is deserving of careful consideration by men of all positions.—R. C. P.

Science, Philosophy and Religion: A Symposium. New York: The Conference on Science, Philosophy and Religion in Their Relation to the Democratic Way of Life, Inc., 1941. viii + 443 pp. \$2.00.

The organization of this significant Conference and the publication of its first volume were largely due to the efforts of Mr. Van Wyck Brooks, of literary fame, and President Louis Finkelstein, of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. There is danger that the scientist in his laboratory dealing with material objects, and the philosopher-religionist in his study dealing with mental concepts may go each his own way, and like East and West, "never the twain shall meet." But, again like East and West, they cannot avoid meeting in the storm and stress of the modern world; this volume explores, in a fascinating and helpful way, the common ground on which the meeting can take place.—W. F. S.

Our Bible and the Ancient Manuscripts. Sir Frederic Kenyon. New York: Harper and Brothers, 1940. xii + 266 pp. \$3.00.

This is the fourth edition of a famous work first issued in 1895. It is an admirable survey of the various versions of our Bible, including English versions. The story here told is a fascinating one, and very necessary for the understanding of what lies back of the Bible we have today.—W. F. S.

The Bible and Archaeology. Sir Frederic Kenyon. New York: Harper and Brothers, 1940. 310 pp. \$3.00.

Kenyon is an expert on manuscripts rather than an excavator. Hence manuscripts play a large part in his conception of "archaeology," and some of the material in this book duplicates sections of *Our Bible and the Ancient Manuscripts*. Nevertheless, there is much good reporting of excavations in *The Bible and Archaeology*, likewise some excellent illustrations.—W. F. S.

The Nature and Destiny of Man. Reinhold Niebuhr. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1941. 306 pp. \$2.75.

The first volume of Niebuhr's Gifford Lectures and one which firmly establishes him in the front rank of contemporary Christian theologians. Critical of "liberalism," pungent and stimulating, this book undertakes to analyse human nature and to account for human sin and human goodness as well. *Time* rightly calls it "the religious book-of-the-year."—A. C. O.

What is Christianity? Charles Clayton Morrison. Chicago: Willett, Clark and Company, 1940. 324 pp. \$3.00.

This book is provoking very significant discussion throughout American Protestantism and probably will continue to do so for some time to come. The central problem of Christianity is the nature and significance of the Church and Morrison is here arguing for an ecumenical, "catholic" interpretation of Christian community. In the light of prevailing Protestant views, this book proposes a "reconstruction of Christian thought and action." A book to be argued over, but not ignored.—A. C. O.

Anno Domini. Kenneth Scott Latourette. New York: Harper & Brothers, 1940. 248 pp. \$2.50.

An admirable one-volume survey of "the influence of Jesus on the quality of life in the twenty centuries since his death." It is, in effect, a condensation and summary of Professor Latourette's *magnum opus*, *A History of the Expansion of Christianity* (four volumes of which have now appeared). For those unlikely to read the larger work, this will prove a very useful review of the fortunes and fruits of Christianity in world-culture.—A. C. O.

The Church of Our Fathers. Roland H. Bainton. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1941. 248 pp. \$2.50.

Whoever heard of an interesting church history? Well, here is one, written by a great historian originally for his own children, but which can also be recommended for almost everybody, including ministers and theologs. A simple, deft style conceals Bainton's formidable scholarship and the numerous line-drawings make the book a delight to own and to read. It should be an ideal book for young people's conferences and study groups.—A. C. O.

Corn Bread and Creek Water. Charles Morrow Wilson. New York: Henry Holt & Company, 1940. 309 pp. \$2.50.

Dr. Wilson is a prolific writer and this recent book is likely to evoke widespread interest. He has divided his subject into three parts: first,

"Anatomy of Rural Poverty"; second, "The Poor We Have With Us"; and third, "Doing Something About It." It is full of information and cannot fail to interest all who are concerned with rural life.—J. M. O.

Sharecroppers All. Arthur Raper and Ira De A. Reid. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 1941. 281 pp. \$3.00.

The authors have revealed their familiarity with the economically underprivileged peoples of the South. "Sharecroppers All" is a term used to include not only landless farmers, but tenants in the city both white and black.—J. M. O.

Can Religious Education Be Christian? Harrison S. Elliott. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1940. 338 pp. \$2.50.

An examination of the conflicts between the educational point of view and method in the work of the church and the traditional methods of preaching, worship, evangelism and Bible teaching. These conflicts are viewed in the light of historical evidence, the experience of great leaders and a scientific study of human nature. A fair treatment given to all points of view with the conclusion leaning strongly to the educational side. Scholarly, stimulating, informing.—H. E. S.

The Educational Work of the Church. Nevin C. Harner. New York: The Abingdon Press, 1939. 257 pp. \$1.25.

One of the most valuable books yet published from the standpoint of the pastor. Dr. Harner deals with the educational work of the church from the standpoint of the pastor, in the fields of theory and yet in the light of the needs of the local church. All essential phases of religious education are dealt with clearly and helpfully. Should be in every pastor's library.—H. E. S.

The Church and a Christian Society. Wade Crawford Barclay. New York: The Abingdon Press, 1939. 417 pp. \$3.50.

The most comprehensive, pretentious and important work from the pen of this versatile and capable writer. A sane and thorough exposition of the part the church has to play in a field of central importance. Its comprehensiveness will discourage the average reader but he who has patience and perseverance to make a thorough study of this great work will be amply repaid for his trouble.—H. E. S.

The Man Jesus Christ. John Knox. Chicago: Willett, Clark and Company, 1941. 100 pp. \$1.00.

A character sketch of Jesus. Dr. Knox's thesis is that the memory of the man Jesus belongs intimately and essentially to the life of the early church, and that to deny the validity of this recollection is to strike at the church's roots.—H. B.

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