

"After a full discussion the Board adopted a recommendation that Dr. John B. Oman be invited to participate in the first series on the same terms as in the case of Dr. Whale, who cannot take the assignment.

"The recommendation was adopted."

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June 16, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
"Rockledge"
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

Herewith is some material I have gathered from our files relating to Dr. Irving's work in the Faith and Life Seminars. It may, or may not, be helpful to you in preparing the chapter for Dr. Porter's book. Do not hesitate to call upon me again if this does not meet your need, and I will make another try. You need not return any of this material as I have duplicate copies in my file.

Dr. Howard is expecting to spend Monday, the 19th, in the office on his way to Princeton. I shall be more than happy to turn over to him some of the problems that are now arising in connection with the seminars for the coming working season. Some of these presbyteries have the most fantastic ideas concerning what should and should not be done at these meetings. Dr. Howard will know how to handle them, I am sure.

With best wishes to you,

Most sincerely

Helen D. Heston
(Mrs. Helen D. Heston)

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July 6, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

Your letter of June 30th reached me July 5th as we had a four day holiday in the office. I note your request for additional material regarding the Faith and Life Seminars. What I am sending is in part repetition of what you have. Unfortunately, quite some time before his death, Dr. Irving took from the files all his correspondence with regard to his coming to the Board.

I enclose herewith copy of an article written by Dr. Robinson for "The Presbyterian Banner", May 13, 1937. This may give you a little insight into the beginning of the Faith and Life Movement.

I also enclose the Board actions taken by the Board. There were no actions after February 1938

I also enclose excerpts from the Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Annual Reports of the Board. After 1940 the only references in the Board reports to the Faith and Life Seminars was the number held during the year.

Dr. Irving's reports to the Board were mostly verbal.

If a picture is needed I have the one used by our Publicity Department which I could forward to you.

I am wondering if it might not be a good idea for you to write to Dr. Hugh T. Kerr, who, with Dr. Robinson, Dr. George E. Frantz and Dr. Luccock, was deeply interested in the beginnings of this Movement. Perhaps you have already done this.

If I can be of further service do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours

Helen D. Heston

(Mrs. Helen D. Heston)

Semiannual Board Meeting, Sept. 22, 1937

"A report with respect to the Pastors' Seminars on Faith and Life (named changed from 'Round Table Conferences on Faith and Life' by action of the Administrative Committee, September 21, 1937)

"a. A recommendation for approval of the following memorandum, which is in substance a rewriting and amplification of the memorandum approved by the Board on April 21, 1937 (Minutes, pages 66,67):

See page "2"

"The Background of the Seminars (Minutes April 21, 1937, page 66, item 1)

"The Purpose and Plan of the Seminars: To provide for Presbyterian pastors those opportunities for fellowship in the understanding and living of the whole Christian gospel, inseparably personal and social which the times demand, through:

"(1) Some conference groups, limited to twenty or twenty-five pastors, to meet together for two days, in quiet surroundings conducive to conference, meditation, and prayer.

"(2) A leadership to be provided by the Board of Christian Education, the following to be invited as number one leaders: Dr. H.H. Farmer, Dr. George Pidgeon, Dr. George A. Buttrick, Dr. John Bonnell, Dr. John A Mackay, Dr. W.A. Visser 'tHooft, Dr. Hugh T. Kerr.

"The following to be invited as number two leaders: Dr. E.G. Homrighausen, Dr. Paul C. Johnston, Dr. Paul S. Heath, Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, Prof. John C. Bennett, Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, Dr. Lynn Harold Hough, Dr. Douglas Horton.

"Dr. Turck, Dr. McDowell, Dr. Robinson to plan to attend three or four of the earlier seminars and either Dr. Turck or Dr. McDowell to be available for each of them.

"(3) Eleven seminars to be attempted on Mondays and Tuesdays and on Thursdays and Fridays, of the weeks between November 1 and December 10.

"(4) Seminars to be held, as far as possible in the following eleven presbyteries which have been assigned to the Board of Christian Education for zoning in the fall period. The names listed after the presbyteries are those of the chairmen of the committees on Christian Education and of other pastors whose help might be enlisted:

- Washington City Presbytery.....Rev. Thomas Coyle, Chairman
Dr. J. Hillman Hollister
- Elizabeth Presbytery.....Dr. Stewart Robinson, Chairman
- Newark Presbytery.....Dr. Arthur Northwood, Chairman
- Binghamton Presbytery.....Dr. Earl A. Smeich, Chairman
Dr. Murray S. Howland
- Syracuse Presbytery.....Dr. Ray F. Jenney, Chairman
Dr. John T. Reeve
- Cleveland Presbytery..... Dr. E.S. Hendrickson, Chairman
Dr. Philip S. Bird
- Toledo Presbytery..... Dr. Andrew M. Lowry, Chairman
Dr. R. Lincoln Long
- Butler Presbytery Rev. James S. Cotton, Chairman
Dr. S. Wilmer Beitler

Huntingdon Presbytery.....Dr. Edward H. Jones, Chairman
 Washington Presbytery.....Dr. Walter P. McConkey, Chairman
 Rev. George S. Maxwell
 Philadelphia Presbytery.... Rev. Howard L. Frame, Chairman
 Dr. George Emerson Barnes

"(5) The setup to be in charge of Mr. Irving

"The recommendation was adopted.

"b. A report that tentative approaches have been made by the General Secretary to the chairmen of committees on Christian Education in the presbyteries which are mentioned above. To date, favorable replies have been received from all presbyteries except Cleveland.

"It has been so far impossible to secure resource leaders from outside the country. Approaches to Dr. H.H. Farmer are still under way. Mr. Irving is now making approaches to resource leaders in this country who are listed as number one leaders under item (2) of the basic memorandum

" A report that Dr. John B Oman was not available for participation in the seminars.

"It was found impossible to secure Dr. John S. Whale for participation in the first series of Pastors Seminars on Faith and Life, but it seemed desirable to secure him for the first period for which he was available This turned out to be the period from June 19 and July 31, 1938. On the authorization of the President of the Board, a proposal was made to ~~President~~ Principal Whale, which he has accepted. During the period engaged he will be at the service of the Board. The Board will pay his hotel bill and travel expenses during this period and an honorarium at the rate of \$225 a week. It is recommended that the Board confirm these arrangements. Careful consideration should be given to the use to be made of Dr. Whale during this period and recommendations will be made to the Administrative Committee at a later time.

"The report on the Pastors Seminars on Faith and Life was approved."

Executive Committee
Meeting, February 1, 1938

"3. A report with respect to the Pastors Seminars on Faith and Life:

"a. That Dr. George Irving reported as follows:-
On December 27-28, 1937 a seminar was held at Princeton, N.J., with 20 members of the Board of National Missions staff and 10 members of the Board of Christian Education staff in attendance. The same plan was followed ~~with~~ as with the Pastors Seminars. Although efforts were made to have a guest leader, ~~it~~ seemed providential that Dr. Robinson guided the thought of the gathering. From every point of view this seminar proved of such very great value that it was unanimously decided to have a second seminar, to be held at Princeton April 11 and 12, with a larger proportion of each staff present.

*Cancelled
of illness
by Robinson

"The following Pastors Seminars have been held:-

January 10-11-Elizabeth Presbytery, at the Old Mill, Bernardsville, N.J., Leaders: Dr. John A, Mackay, Dr. Otto A. Piper, Dr. Irving, Dr. Robinson

January 17-18-Philadelphia Presbytery at Strath Haven Inn, Swarthmore, Pa. Leaders: Dr. George A, Buttrick, Dr. Otto Piper, Dr. Irving.

January 20-21. Syracuse Presbytery, at Lincklaen House, Cazenovia, N.Y. Leaders: Dr. Paul S. Heath, Dr. Otto Piper, Dr. Irving

"While the attendance at the first two was small, there was an average of 15 present in addition to the leaders in each case. There were 27 pastors at the Syracuse meeting, a few of whom came from Lawrence, Utica, and one from Cayuga Presbytery.

"At each seminar there was very general participation and all felt at the close that something valuable had been started.

"Dr. Piper, guest professor at Princeton, has been a very valuable reinforcement and has proved to be a counselor and leader of great helpfulness.

"The report was approved."

Executive Committee
Meeting February 4, 1937

"A recommendation that Rev. George Irving be elected a member of the Board's staff in connection with the Teaching Mission, without official departmental connections for the present but to work in closest relationship to the Department of Social Education and Action, at a salary at the rate of \$5,000 a year, with moving expenses from Summit, New Jersey, and participation in the Service Pension Fund, effective September 1, 1937."

The recommendation was adopted.

SUGGESTIONS TO COMMITTEES REGARDING PREPARATIONS FOR
SEMINARS ON FAITH AND LIFE

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It is of the utmost importance that all the plans for the attendance, local arrangements, and program, for the two day Seminars on Faith and Life be made with the greatest thoroughness. While the Board will do what is possible in this matter, it is obvious that essential work must be done by the committee on the ground.

1. ATTENDANCE -

It is the suggestion that every Presbyterian pastor within a Presbytery (or other unit covered) should be invited to the Seminar in the most effective way possible. In addition, the committee should invite personally certain key men and secure their promise to attend.

All invitations should be sent by the local committee. Where, for any special reason, an invitation should be sent by the Board this will be done if a written request reaches the Rev. George Irving, 920 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia.

In extending invitations it is quite essential that all be urged to come in good time so as to be ready for the opening session, and remain until the Seminar closes. Those who come late, or leave early, hamper the whole undertaking. Copies of a leaflet on "Seminars on Faith and Life" may be had on request for promotion purposes.

2. ENTERTAINMENT -

While it is understood that each one attending shall take care of his own expenses, Sessions should be urged to cover this item as a good investment. It is highly desirable that all be housed and have meals under the same roof so that the fullest fellowship may be enjoyed. The accommodations should be comfortable.

3. PROGRAM

In building the program for these Seminars the help of the local committee will, of course, be welcomed. Unless otherwise deemed desirable, the Seminars will assemble for twelve o'clock lunch on the opening day and continue through lunch on the second day.

4. PREPARATION -

All those responsible for planning these Seminars are acutely conscious that without the clear direction of the Spirit of God in all the planning for and conduct of these meetings, nothing adequate to the needs and opportunities of the hour will transpire. Let us, therefore, pray ourselves and enlist others to pray for the very special guidance and empowering of God's Holy Spirit for all those who participate in any way in this series.

The Board of Christian Education
Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

REPORT OF DR. IRVING'S TRIP TO NORTHWEST AND SOUTHWEST
JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1939

The following is an outline report of a trip which began when I left Philadelphia on the afternoon of January 5th and was concluded on the arrival in Philadelphia on the morning of February 28th.

- January 6 Had a supper meeting with representatives of eight Presbyterian churches at the Albany Park Church, in Chicago, in order to discuss an evangelistic program.
- " 8-15 inc. A special service with the First Church, Hutchinson, Kansas, where I preached twice on each Sunday and during the week met a group of 25 members of the church at luncheon daily, and a similar group of ladies in the afternoon. At these weekday meetings reports were made on the experiences the members had had in witnessing for Christ to individuals.
- " 18 Arrived in Los Angeles where I remained until the 20th inst. during which time I met two splendid groups of Baptist young people from the University of California and U.C.L.A. respectively.
- " 22 Salem, Oregon, where I spoke at 3.30 to a group of well over 300 and at 5.30 to an equal number of college students and college age young people.
- " 23-24 With Dr. Turck met the Congress of Pastors of Oregon at Portland. Dr. Turck was with me in all the following engagements up to and including Tacoma.
- I also spoke to the Grey Friars Club, composed of younger ministers, at a breakfast meeting.
- " 25 Spokane, Washington - spoke to Whitworth College. Had lunch with the trustess of the college in the afternoon and in the evening spoke to the Presbytery of Spokane.
- " 26 Wenatchee, Washington - With Dr. Turck met the Presbytery of Wenatchee in Wenatchee.
- " 27-29 Seattle, Washington - Had afternoon and evening meetings with the Presbytery of Seattle.
- On Sunday morning preached in Mt. Baker Park Church
In the afternoon met a splendid group of 60 students and professors at Westminster House at the University of Washington.
In the evening preached in the Westminster Presbyterian Church
- " 30 Tacoma, Washington. Met the Presbytery of Olympia in Tacoma. Spoke in the morning and afternoon at their meeting; also addressed a dinner meeting of 150 representative Presbyterians in that section.

- January 31 Corvallis, Oregon. Met the Presbytery of Corvallis in Corvallis and spoke twice. Also had a luncheon meeting with 30 representative students at Westminster House.
- February 1 Roseberg, Oregon. Met the Presbytery of Southwest Oregon at Roseberg where I conducted a conference for the full afternoon and spoke at a luncheon meeting. From there was driven to Grant's Pass where I took a train for the south.
- " 4. Davis, California - Dinner meeting at the Davis Community Church, Davis, California. This is the only Protestant Church serving this great group of Agricultural College students.
- " 5-7 Berkeley Bay District
- " 5 Sunday morning preached in St. John's Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, and in the afternoon went to San Francisco where I met a group of young people in the Portlehurst Presbyterian Church and later the same day spoke to the evening congregation during which time the elders and their wives, dressed in choir robes, acted as a choir. Following the evening service there was a social hour.
- " 6 San Anselmo. Visited San Francisco Seminary at San Anselmo where I spoke at Chapel and immediately following was drafted to speak to the Systematic Theology Class. After luncheon with the student body all my time was taken by individual and group interviews.
- In the evening, at dinner, met a Leadership Training Group under the direction of Dr. Duncan where I spoke at the table, conducted a class, spoke to the whole group at the table and had a second class.
- " 7 Spoke to the Pacific School of Religion in the morning and had conferences at Westminster House during the day. Also met the Executive Committee of the St. John's Society.
- " 8-11 Los Angeles, Calif. Met two groups of students in Los Angeles under the direction of Rev. Donald G. Stewart and Rev. Kenneth McLennan.
- Drove out to Monrovia where I had a supper meeting with the young people from four or five Presbyterian churches. Later in the evening spoke to a representative group of adults on EVANGELISM.
- On the evening of February 10th drove to Upland where I had a supper conference in the Presbyterian Church on "THE EVANGELIST AS A CHRISTIAN DICTATOR".
- " 12 Long Beach, Calif. Preached morning and evening at Calvary Church, Long Beach, and in the late afternoon met a company of young people from this church.
- " 13-16 Spent largely in resting at Long Beach.

February 17 Left for the East

- " 19 El Paso, Texas. Preached for Dr. Pul N. Poling in the First Presbyterian Church.
- " 20-21 Dallas, Texas. With Drs. Otto A. Piper and William T. Hanzsche had a seminar with over 50 ministers present.
- " 22-23 Amarillo, Texas. With the same group had a seminar with 25 pastors in Amarillo, Texas.
- " 25-26 Rock Island, Ills. On the evening of the 25th met a group of 30 young people from the Presbyterian churches of Rock Island.

Sunday A.M. preached in the Broadway Presbyterian Church
4-6 P.M. had conference with 100 selected adult and younger leaders from Presbyterian churches in Rock Island.

6-7 Supper-Social Hour

7-8.30 Led a further conference with the group of leaders.

- " 27 Chicago, Illinois - Met a group of the following pastors and elders at 8 S. Dearborn Street to discuss plans for a later Spiritual Emphasis Fellowship.

Rev. Clifford J. Earle	716 Addison Street, Chicago
Eckles	
Endres	
Rev. Paul H. Fuller	2000 Orchard Street, Chicago
Rev. George J. Hinshaw	4307 Drummond Place, Chicago
Rev. H. Beeber Jackson	1352 W. 61st St. Chicago
Rev. A P. Landgraf	1905 S. Millard Ave. Chicago
Rev. G.A. Papperman	4045 N. Keeler Ave. Chicago
Rev. Irving West	4834 N. Ridgeway St. Chicago

Left for home that evening.

SEMINARS ON FAITH ANF LIFE

Under The Direction Of
The Board of Christian Education
Of The
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

SEMINARS ON FAITH AND LIFE

The Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. has decided to hold, where they will be welcomed, a limited number of Seminars on Faith and Life.

These Seminars are planned because of the situation which the Christian faith faces in the world to-day, and because of the necessity, in the light of that situation, of a closer fellowship of Presbyterian pastors in every vital relationship. The Ecumenical Conferences held at Oxford and Edinburgh in 1937 made the need for this devoted fellowship crystal clear.

WHY THE PROPOSAL

1. Especially do we need a deeper understanding of the Christian faith in its relevance to every phase of the situation, both personal and social;
2. A more complete and absolute devotion to the Christian faith as the inspiration and power of personal and social living; and
3. A new experience of the meaning of the Christian community for pastors themselves, for the people of their congregations, for the Presbyterian Church as a whole, for the world-wide community of Christians.

The purpose of these Seminars is to provide for Presbyterian pastors those opportunities for fellowship in the understanding and living of the whole Christian gospel, inseparably personal and social, which the times demand through:

Small Seminar groups of from twenty-five to fifty pastors meeting for two days in quiet surroundings conducive to conference, meditation and prayer.

THE PURPOSE

Leadership will be provided by the Board after conference with the local group concerned. Among others, it is expected to have help from the following outstanding educators:

John S. Bonnell	Lynn Harold Hough
George A. Buttrick	Hugh T. Kerr
Samuel McRae Cavert	John A. Mackay
Henry Sloane Coffin	Richard Roberts, Toronto, Canada
William Hiram Foulkes	W. Taliaferro Thompson
Elmer G. Homrighausen	John S. Whale, Cambridge, England

In addition to one or more of the above it is expected that either

John Maxwell Adams
George Irving
John McDowell
Harold McAfee Robinson
or
Charles J. Turck

of the Board Staff will be present with each group.

Among the topics that are proposed for consideration at the Seminars are the following:

- "The Christian Message For Our Day"
- "The Social Implication of the Christian Religion"
- "The Relevance of the Christian Church"
- "What and How To Preach"
- "The Pastor and His Personal Contacts"

TOPICS

While only a limited number of these Seminars can be held during the present season, the Board will welcome correspondence from those who are keenly interested in planning for such a meeting. Correspondence in regard to this matter may be addressed to the Rev. George Irving, 920 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa., who is giving general direction to this undertaking.

Those charged with the responsibility for planning for these Seminars covet the most definite cooperation in prayer for those who long to see a deeper and, consequently, more effective spiritual life developed in all our churches.

REQUEST FOR PRAYER

Let Us Give Thanks -

For the earnest and eager spirit in which the suggestion of holding these Seminars is being received, and for the willingness of very busy people to give help in them.

Let Us Ask -

That the Holy Spirit of God may illumine the minds, direct the wills, and empower the spirits of all who in any way participate in these gatherings.

The Board of Christian Education
of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
920 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia, Pa.

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S U M M A R Y

SEMINARS APRIL 1941 - MARCH 1942

<u>NO. SEMINARS</u>	<u>HONORARIA LEADERS</u>	<u>TRAVEL LEADERS</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
28	\$2,475	\$1,769.86	932

Honoraria.....\$ 2,475
Travel..... 1,768.86
\$ 4,243.86

SEMINARS HELD BOARD YEAR 1941-1942

<u>Date</u>	<u>Presby. or Synod</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Attend.</u>
1941				
May 13-14	Freeport Presby.	Dubuque, Iowa	J.W. Clarke, G.A. Frantz	25
June 2-3	Lehigh Presby.	Schwenksville, Pa.	R.E. Speer, W.T. Hanzsche	25
" 24-26	Kansas Synod	Emporia, Kans.	" R.W. Frank	75
Sept. 15-16	No. Dakota Synod	Jamestown, N.D.	" Cameron Hall	23
" 17-18	So. Dakota Synod	Huron, S.D.	" " "	43
" 25-26	New Castle Presby	Betterton, Md.	P.C. Payne, Otto Piper	20
" 29-30	Hannibal, Kirksville St. Joseph, Sedalia	Chillicothe, Mo.	R.E. Speer, J.W. Bowman	20
Oct. 1-2	Springfield, Pres.	Springfield, Mo.	R.E. Speer, J.W. Bowman	24
" 6-7	E. Tenn. Synod	Miller's Cove, Tenn.	Otto Piper, W.T. Hanzsche	26
" 8-9	W. Tennessee	Natural Bridge, Tenn.	" "	24
" 13-14	St. Louis Pres.	Kimmswick, Mo.	J.H. Cotton, E.G. Homrighausen	37
" 15-16	Indiana Synod	McCor. Ck. Park, Ind.	" J.S. Bonnell	62
" 20-21	Carlisle Presby.	Piney Grove, Pa.	R.E. Speer, J. Hronadka	28
Nov. 3-4	Mahoning, Steubenville	Canton, Ohio	" J.W. Bowman	29
" 5-6	Athens, Zanesville	Zanesville, Ohio	" "	26
" 11-12	Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids Lansing	Albion, Mich.	J.A. Mackay, G.A. Frantz	20
Dec. 1-2	Princeton, Logan, Louis- ville, Transylvania	Bowling Green, Ky.	R.E. Speer, R.E. Vale	28
1942				
Jan. 19-20	Nebraska	Hastings, Nebr.	R.E. Speer, J. Haroutunian	38
" 21-22	Colorado	Colorado Spgs. Colo.	" "	25
" 26-27	Oklahoma Synod	Cuthrie, Okla	" Walter Barlow	45
" 28-30	Texas Synod	Dallas, Texas	" "	67
Feb. 2-3	Arizona Synod	Bisbee, Ariz.	" Luther E. Stein	17
" 4-5	New Mexico "	Albuquerque, N.M.	" "	21
" 16-17	Oregon	Portland, Oregon	" Cameron Hall	49
" 18-19	Washington	Seattle, Washn.	" "	39
" 23-24	San Francisco Area	Saratoga, Calif.	" A.B. MacLeod	18
" 25-26	Fresno Area	Visalia, Calif	" "	28
March 17-18	Peoria Pres.	Champaign, Ills.	E.G. Homrighausen, Gause Little	50

No. seminars 28

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LEADERS AT SEMINARS 1941-1942 WITH DIRECTOR

J.W. Bowman, D.D.
J.S. Bonnell, D.D.
Walter Barlow, Ph.D.
J.W. Clarke, D.D.
J. Harry Cotton
G.A. Frantz, D.D.
R. Worth Frank, D.D.
W.T. Hanzsche, D.D.
Cameron P. Hall
E.G. Homrighausen, D.D.
J. Hromadka
Joseph Haroutunian
Ganse Little, D.D.
A.B. MacLeod, D.D.
Paul C. Payne, D.D.
Otto A. Piper, D.D.
R.E. Speer, D.D.
Roy E. Vale, D.D.

DEPARTMENT OF FAITH AND LIFE

FROM - Dr. George Irving
TO - Dr. Rex S. Clements

1. Factual statement regarding past service

In the years since 1937, when this department was organized, the following seminars have been held for Presbyterian ministers with the attendance as given.

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Presby. or Synod</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
1937	November 8-9	Washington Presby.	Waynesburg, Pa.	H.T.Kerr, H.M.Robinson C.J.Turck, G.Irving	30
"	15-16	Huntingdon Presby.	Phillipsburg, Pa.	H.M.Robinson, C.J.Turck J.M.Adams, G.Irving	28
"	18-19	Binghamton Presby.	Montrose, Pa.	J.S.Bonnell, C.J.Turck George Irving	30
1938	January 10-11	Elizabeth Presby.	Bernardsville, N.J.	J.A.Mackay, H.M.Robinson Otto Piper, G.Irving	20
"	17-18	Phila. Presby	Swarthmore, Pa.	G.A.Buttrick, H.T.Kerr Otto Piper, G.Irving	14
"	20-21	Syracuse Presby.	Cazenovia, N.Y.	Paul Heath, Otto Piper C.J.Turck, G.Irving	30
	April 25-26	Newark Presby.	Bernardsville, N.J.	Otto Piper, G.Buttrick G.Irving	25
	June 21-24	Michigan Synod	Waldenwoods, Mich.	E.G.Homrighausen J.V.Mildenhauer G.Irving	50
	July 5-8	Kansas Synod	Emporia, Kans.	J.S.Whale	85
September	15-16	Baltimore Presby.	Colora, Md.	Otto Piper, G.Irving Peter Marshall	42
	October 17-18	Dubuque Presby.	Dubuque, Iowa	E.G.Homrighausen C.J.Turck, G.Irving	42
	Oct. 31-Nov.1	Brooklyn Nass au	Garden City, L.I.	G.Irving, Otto Piper, C.J.Turck	28
	November 14-15	Athens, Portsmouth Zanesville	Zanesville, Ohio	Dr. Speer, H.T.Kerr C.J.Turck, G.Irving	27
"	16-17	Mahoning	Leroy, Ohio	Dr. Speer, H.T.Kerr C.J.Turck, G.Irving	15
"	18-19	St. Clairsville Steubenville	Cadiz, Ohio	as above	25
1939	February 20-21	Texas Synod	Dallas, Texas	Otto Piper, W.T.Hanzsche	57
"	22-23	" "	Amarillo, Texas	Piper, Hanzsche, Irving	36
	June 27-30	Kansas Synod	Emporia, Kans	J.S.Bonnell, E.G.Homrighausen C.J.Turck, G.Irving	65
	October 18-19	Dubuque Presby.	Dubuque, Iowa	Otto Piper, G.Irving W.T.Hanzsche	50
"	20-21	Storm Lake	Storm Lake, Ia	Otto Piper, G.Irving W.T.Hanzsche	28

1939 (cont'd)	Date	Presby. or Synod	Place	Leaders	Attend
	November 6-7	Cleveland, Wooster	LwRoy, Ohio	Dr. Speer, Otto Piper G. Irving	55
"	8-9	Columbus, Marion	Granville, Ohio	Dr. Speer, Otto Piper	42
"	10-11	Cinti;, Dayton Portsmouth	Wilmington, Ohio	" " " " G. Irving	50
1940	January 8-10	Texas Synod	Fort Worth, Texas	E.G. Homrighausen G.A. Frantz, G. Irving	60
"	11-12	Oklahoma City, Okla Synod	Oklahoma City, Okla	E.G. Homrighausen, G. Irving, Frantz	45
February	5-6	Washington Pres.	Washington, Pa.	Otto Piper, W.C. Covert G. Irving	22
"	26-27	Omaha Presby.	Omaha, Nebr.	Otto Piper, J.H. Cotton G. Irving	48
"	28-29	North Platte	North Platte, Nebr.	Otto Piper, J.H. Cotton G. Irving	21
April	16-17	Huntingdon	Philipsburg, Pa.	E.G. Homrighausen W.S. Skinner, G. Irving	25
May	6-7	St. Lawrence Syracuse, Utica	Hamilton, N.Y.	E.G. Homrighausen A.J. Muste, G. Irving	39
"	8-9	Erie, Clarion Shenango	Franklin, Pa.	E.G. Homrighausen H.E. Nicely, G. Irving	25
June	25-28	Kansas Synod	Emporia, Kansas	Paul Scherer, O. Piper C. Hall, G. Irving	70
September	26-27	New Castle Pres.	Betterton, Md.	E.G. Homrighausen Harris E. Kirk, G. Irving	22
October	1-2	Indiana	McCor. Ck. Pk, Indiana	Dr. Speer, H.T. Kerr G. Irving	60
"	3-4	Cedar Rapids Pres.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Dr. Speer, W.T. Hanzsche G. Irving	25
November	4-5	St. Louis, Alton Hannibal, Iron Mt.	Webster Groves, Mo.	Dr. Speer, G.A. Frantz G. Irving	42
"	6-7	Lima, Toledo	Findlay, Ohio	Dr. Speer, Otto Piper G. Irving	25
<u>1941</u>	January 20-22	Texas Synod	Fort Worth, Texas	Dr. Mackay, J.H. Cotton G. Irving	82
"	23-24	Oklahoma Synod	Guthrie, Okla	Dr. Mackay, H.R. Anderson G. Irving	43
February	25-26	Hastings Pres.	Hastings Nebr.	R.W. Frank, Walter Barlow G. Irving	32
"	27-28	Denver Pres.	Denver, Colo.	R.W. Frank, Walter Barlow G. Irving	30
March	3-4	Peoria Pres.	Peoria, Ills.	Otto Piper, G.A. Frantz G. Irving	20
May	13-14	Freeport Pres.	Dubuque, Iowa	J.W. Clarke, G.A. Frantz G. Irving	25
June	2-3	Lehigh Pres.	Schwenksville, Pa.	Dr. Speer, Dr. Frantz G. Irving	25
"	24-26	Kansas Synod	Emporia, Kans	Dr. Speer, Dr. Frank G. Irving	75
September	15-16	North Dakota Synod	Jamestown, N.D.	Dr. Speer, C. Hall G. Irving	23
"	17-18	So. Dakota Synod	Huron, S.D.	Dr. Speer, C. Hall, G. Irving	43
"	25-26	New Castle Pres.	Betterton, Md.	Dr. Payne, Dr. Piper G. Irving	20
"	29-30	Hannibal, Kirksville St. Joseph Sedalia	Chillicothe, Mo.	Dr. Speer, J.W. Bowman G. Irving	20

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	<u>Date</u>	<u>Presby.or Synod</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Attend.</u>
October	1-2	Springfield,Pres.	Springfield,Mo.	Dr. Speer,Dr. Bowman G.Irving	24
"	6-7	E.Tenn.Synod	Miller'sCove,Tenn.	Dr. Piper,Dr. Hanzsche G.Irving	26
"	8-9	W.Tenn.	Natural Bridge,Tenn.	Dr. Piper,Dr. Hanzsche G.Irving	24
	13-14	St. Louis,Pres.	Kinmswick,Mo.	Dr. Cotton,Dr. Homrighausen G.Irving	37
"	15-16	Indiana Synod	McCor .Ck.Pk,Ind.	Dr. Cotton, Bonnell Dr. Irving	63
"	20-21	Carlisle Pres.	Piney Grove,Pa.	Drs. Speer, Hromadka G.Irving	28
November	3-4	Mahoning,Steuben- ville,Athens	Canton,Ohio	Drs.Speer,Bowman G.Irving	29
"	5-6	Zanesville	Zanesville,O	Drs. Speer,Bowman Irving	26
"	11-12	Kalamazoo,Grand Rapids,Lansing	Albion,Mich.	Drs. Mackay,Frantz	20
December	1-2	Princeton,Logan Louisville, Trans sylvania	Bowling Green,Ky.	Drs. Speer,R.E.Vale G.Irving	28
<u>1942</u> January	19-20	Nebraska Synod	Hastings, Nebr.	Drs. Speer,Haroutunian G.Irving	38
"	21-22	Colorado	Colorado Spgs,Colo.	Drs. Speer,Haroutunian G.Irving	25
"	26-27	Oklahoma Synod	Guthrie,Okla.	Drs. Speer,Barlow G.Irving	45
"	28-30	Texas Synod	Dallas,Texas	Drs. Speer,Barlow G.Irving	67
February	2-3	Arizona Synod	Bisbee,Ariz.	Drs. Speer,Stein G.Irving	17
"	4-5	New Mexico	Albuquerque,N.M.	Drs. Speer,Stein G.Irving	21
"	16-17	Oregon Synod	Portland,Oregon	Dr. Speer,C. Hall G.Irving	49
"	18-19	Washington Synod	Seattle,Washn.	Drs. Speer,Hall G.Irving	39
"	23-24	San Francisco Area	Saratoga,Calif.	Dr. Speer,MacLeod Dr. Irving	18
"	25-26	Fresno,Area	Visalia,Calif.	Drs. Speer,MacLeod G.Irving	28
March	17-18	Peoria Presby	Champaign,Ills.	Drs. Homrighausen, Ganse Little,Irving	50

An interesting development has been the presence of a group of senior Seminary men at Bowling Green,Ky, Hastings,Nebr., and at Saratoga,Calif. This would seem to open up possibilities.

The main way we have of appraising the value of these meetings is through the honest comments of men who have attended. Many of these statements are made many months, and even years, after the meetings were held. The overwhelming consensus of opinion seems to have been that these seminars, up until now, have provided help of a high order in both the intellectual and spiritual area for the ministers who have attended. Another test is that not only do the men ask for return engagements, but they are themselves the best promoters of new seminars.

2. Direction in Reading and Study

In this field we have only made a beginning. The opportunities here seem very great. Already men are organizing reading clubs, which, from the reports I get, are proving very helpful. A very considerable development is possible in this particular area. The "Must-Book Lists" have been widely used.

3. Refresher Courses

I would seem desirable that during the next eighteen months we experiment with two or three Refresher Courses at points that are not now being served adequately by any of the seminary schools at present planned. These would seem to me to call for a study period of at least ten days. At present I am exploring the possibility of such theological institutues at widely scattered points across the country.

4. Cooperating with the Seminaries

A great deal more can be done by this department in cooperation with the seminaries. It is fairly onvious that here together we need to explore the possibilities of something like correspondence courses, or directed reading for our ministers. There would seem to be great possibilities in this field.

a phase of any work that is done for our ministers hould have in mind the need for cultivating, as a by-product, a deep sense of Christian ~~xxxxxx~~ conradeship in every part of the country.

S U M M A R Y

SEMINARS APRIL 1943 - MARCH 1944

<u>NO. SEMINARS</u>	<u>HONORARIA LEADERS</u>	<u>TRAVEL LEADERS</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
25	\$2,000	\$ 1,628.64	748

Honoraria.....\$2,000
Travel 1,628.64
\$ 3,628.64

SEMINARS HELD BOARD YEAR 1943-1944

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PRESBY. OR SYNOD</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>LEADERS</u>	<u>ATTEND.</u>
1943 May 3-5	Iowa	Univ. Dubuque, Dubuque, Ia	Robt. E. Speer Ganse Little George Irving	48
June 3-4	Catawba & Atlantic Synod	Concord, N.C.	Robert E. Speer E.F. Campbell George Irving	38
June 22-25	Kansas Synod	Emporia, Kans.	George Buttrick Walter R. Clyde George Irving	71
Sept. 9-10	Buffalo-Niagara	Dunkirk, N.Y.	J.W. Bowman P.C. Payne	44
Sept. 13-14	Rochester Pres.	Canandaigua, N.Y.	E.G. Homrighausen Rex. S. Clements	40
Sept. 23-24	Baltimore Synod	Baltimore, Md.	John A. Mackay J. Harry Cotton	57
Sept. 28-29	Donegal Pres.	Chestnut Level Pa.	Robert E. Speer Joseph Hornadine	15
October 4-6	Mid-South (Tenn.)	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Robert E. Speer W.T. Hanscho	30
October 11-12	Indiana	Winona Lake, Ind.	Dr. Otto A. Piper Dr. Harry Barr	19
October 13-14	Indiana	McCormick Ck. Park Spencer, Ind.	Dr. Robert E. Speer Dr. Otto A. Piper Dr. Harry Barr	27
October 18-19	Lehigh Presby.	Schwenksville, Pa.	Dr. Robert E. Speer Dr. E.H. Roberts	21
October 25-26	Missouri	Kimswick, Mo.	Dr. John A. Mackay	25
October 27-28	"	Unity Farm, Kansas City	" " "	25
November 3-4	Ohio	Findlay, Ohio	Dr. Robert E. Speer Dr. Harry L. Reed	25
November 8-9	Washington	Seattle, Washn.	Dr. Robert E. Speer Dr. E.F. Campbell	25
November 10-11	Oregon	Portland, Oregon	Dr. Robert E. Speer Dr. E.F. Campbell	25

<u>Date</u>	<u>Presby. or Synod</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Attend</u>
November 15-16	California	Mt. Hermon, Calif.	Dr. R.E.Speer Dr. E.F.Campbell	32
November 18-19	California	Kingsburg, Calif.	Dr. R.E.Speer Dr. E.F.Campbell	17
November 29	Uyuga Presby.	Auburn, N.Y.	Dr. Robt. E.Speer Dr. E.G.Hoarighausen	40
December 7-8	Nebraska	Kearney, Nebr.	Dr. J.W.Bowman Dr. J.H.Cotton	30
December 9-10	Colorado	Colorado spgs.	Dr. J.W.Bowman Dr. J.H.Cotton	20
<u>1944</u> January 18-19	Florida	Lake Alfred, Florida	Dr. Robert E.Speer Dr. E.G.Hoarighausen	25
February 28-29 1944	Illinois	Champaign, Ills.	Dr. R.Worth Frank Dr. Fred H. Olert Rev. Paul Turner	60
March 13-15, 1944	Texas	Dallas, Texas	Dr. Joseph Haroutunian Dr. John W.Bowman Dr. E.Fay Campbell	60
March 16-17, 1944	Oklahoma	Guthrie Okla	Dr. Joseph Haroutunian Dr. John W.Bowman Dr. E.Fay Campbell	60

LEADERS IN SEMINARS 1943-1944

Dr. George A. Buttrick
Dr. John W. Bowman
Dr. Harry Barr
Dr. E. Pay Campbell
Dr. Walter Clyde
Dr. J. Harry Cotton
Dr. R. S. Clements
Dr. E. G. Henrighausen
Dr. Joseph Hromadka
Dr. Joseph Maroutunian
Dr. W. T. Hanzsch
Dr. George Irving
Dr. Gense Little
Dr. John A. Mackay
Dr. Otto Piper
Dr. P. C. Payne
Dr. E. H. Roberts
Dr. Harry L. Reed
Dr. R. Worth Frank
Dr. Robert E. Speer
Dr. Fred H. Clert

S U M M A R Y

Seminars April 1942 - March 1943

<u>NO. SEMINARS</u>	<u>HONORARIA LEADERS</u>	<u>TRAVEL LEADERS</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
56	\$2,700	1,411.45	902

Honoraria.....	\$2,700
Travel.....	1,411.45
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SESSIONS APRIL 1942 - MARCH 1943

NO. OF MEETINGS

REGISTRATION LEAVES

TRAVEL LEAVES

ATTENDANCE

51

5 Oklahoma

\$2,700

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(In addition to the above 5 were held in as many presbyteries under the Committee of the Synod of Oklahoma. While these were not entirely typical in that the Director was the only representative of the Board present, they each had in attendance a large proportion of the pastors in the presbyteries concerned, together with representative men and women who were keenly interested in winning disciples to our Lord.)

SEMINARS HELD BOARD YEAR 1942-1943

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fresby. or Synod</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Attend.</u>
1942 May 4-5	Lehigh Presbytery	Schwenksville, Pa.	E.G. Hourighausen J.R. Sizoo	25
June 23-25	Kansas Synod	Emporia, Kansas	Walter Barlow, J.W. Clarke	60
Sept. 14-15	Buffalo-Niagara	Dunkirk, N.Y.	E.G. Hourighausen W.T. Mansscho	39
Sept. 17-18	Lake Superior	Fresby. Point, Mich.	E.G. Hourighausen C. Vin White	15
Sept. 21-22	Baltimore	Annapolis, Md.	Dr. Thos. Quist Dr. R.S. Clements	30
" 26-29	Donegal	Chestnut Level, Pa.	Otto Piper, W.T. Mansscho	11
Oct. 5-6	Missouri (St. Louis area)	Camp Montebello Kimswich, Mo.	Dr. Speer, Hugh I. Evans	35
" 7	" (Joplin Area)	Carthage Mo.	" " " " "	23
" 8-9	" (Kansas City area)	Marshall, Mo.	" " " " "	21
" 12-13	Indiana Synod	Canyon Inn, McCork Park, Spencer, Ind.	E.G. Hourighausen, R. Worth Frank	33
" 14-15	Ohio (Cinti, Dayton, Portsmouth)	Wilmington, Ohio	Dr. Speer, Dr. Haroutunian	30
" 16-17	Ohio (Cleveland, Wooster)	LeRoy, Ohio	" " " "	30
" 20-21	Tennessee (Nashville)	Natural Bridge, Tenn.	Dr. Speer, Dr. A.E. Vale	14
" 22-23	" (Enoxville)	Gatlinburg, Tenn.	" " " "	22
" 26	Phila. North	Beaver Coll. Jonkintown	Dr. Piper, Dr. Cotton	35
Nov. 2-3	Kentucky	Pikeville Coll. Ky.	Dr. Speer, Dr. Ross Miller	11
" 6-7	Utah	1st Ch. Salt Lake City	Dr. Speer, Hall, Dr. Irving	35
" 9-10	Idaho	Footello	Dr. Ross, Dr. Irving	15
" 9	Idaho	1st Ch. Boise	Drs. Speer, Irving, Ross	18
" 11-12	Washington	Spokane, Washn	" " " " , Hall	23
" 13-14	Montana	1st Ch. Helena, Mont	" " " "	20
Dec. 1-2	Nebraska	Kearney, Nebr.	Drs. Speer, Irving, J.W. Clarke	20
" 3-4	Colorado	Colorado Spgs., Colo.	" " " "	22
Jan 7-8	Florida	Lake Alfred, Florida	Dr. Hourighausen, Dr. Irving	26
Feb. 8-9	West Jersey	Pitman, N.J.	Drs. Piper, Stein, Irving	15
Mar. 1-3	New Mexico	Albuquerque, N.M.	Drs. Speer, MacLeod, Irving	24
" 4-6	Arizona	Tucson, Arizona	Drs. Speer, Blake, Irving	21
" 8-10	Texas	Dallas, Texas	Drs. Speer, Frank, Irving	68
" 11-12	Oklahoma	Guthrie, Okla	" " " "	45
" 15-16	Illinois	Champaign, Ills	Drs. Clarke, W. Pauck, Irving	50
" 18-19	Michigan	Saginaw, Mich.	Drs. Hourighausen, White, Irving	26

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(5 in Okla. on Evangelism Nov. 1942)

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In addition to the regular 51 Faith and Life Seminars 5 were held in as many presbyteries under the Committee of the Synod of Oklahoma. While these were not entirely typical in that the Director was the only representative of the Board present, they each had in attendance a large proportion of the pastors of the presbyteries concerned, together with representative men and women who were keenly interested in winning disciples to our Lord. The Oklahoma meetings were held as follows -

November 19, 1942 - Tulsa, Oklahoma
" 20, 1942 - Enid, Oklahoma
" 22, 1942 - Ponca City, Oklahoma
" 23, 1942 - Anadarko, Oklahoma
" 24, 1942 - Oklahoma City, Okla.

This makes a total of 36 seminars held during the year 1942-1943

LEADERS (WITH DIRECTOR) AT SEMINARS 1942-1945

Dr. Walter Barlow
Dr. Eugene C. Blake
Dr. James W. Clarke
Dr. E.S. Clements
Dr. J. Harry Cotton
Dr. Hugh I. Evans
Dr. R. Worth Frank
Dr. Cameron P. Hall
Dr. W.T. Manzsche
Dr. J. Maroutunian
Dr. E.G. Hemrighausen
Dr. George Irving
Dr. Ross Miller
Dr. A.B. MacLeod
Dr. Otto Piper
Dr. Wilhelm Pauk
Dr. Thomas Quist
Dr. Wm. C. Ross
Dr. J. R. Sizoo
Dr. R.E. Speer
Dr. R.E. Vale
Dr. C. Vin White

SUMMARY OF SEMINARS HELD

1937-1938	-	Seminars held.....	6	Attendance.....	152
1938-1939	-	"	11	"	419
1939-1940	-	"	11	"	486
1940-1941	-	"	14	"	540
1941-1942	-	"	28	"	932
1942-1943	-	"	36	"	902
			<u>106</u>		<u>3,431</u>
1943-1944	"	"	25	"	908
			<u>131</u>		<u>4,339</u>

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As for encouraging ministers to read more great books I have no suggestion beyond what is now being done and that encouragement to seek the riches in the great books.

I believe that not only ministers but church members are in need of books which will promote and nourish their spiritual life.

Very sincerely yours,

Herman F. Allen

C O P Y

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THORNTOWN, INDIANA

October 29, 1941

Dear Dr. Irving:-

The following is my appraisal of the seminar held at McCormick Creek Park, Indiana.

had the pleasure of meeting him at the Institute at Princeton this summer, and I can say for myself that the method to which he introduced us there, and restated at Annapolis, has been the greatest single help to me in understanding the Bible since I left seminary.

Sincerely yours

John Oldman.

EXCERPT FROM LETTER OF DR. JOHN A. MACKAY
TO DR. WM. T. HANZSCHE, OCTOBER 16, 1939

The following comment by Dr. John A. Mackay, in a personal letter to Dr. William T. Hanzsche, under date of October 16th, 1939, gives an unbiased estimate of these seminars from one of the most thoughtful leaders of the Church as to what our seminars are accomplishing -

"I know of nothing else that is so quietly yet profoundly influencing our Presbyterian Church as these seminars which Dr. George Irving has been organizing. Out of them, I hope, our Church will be reborn for Christ's service in these tremendous days."

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C O P Y

Mackemie Memorial Presbyterian Church
Snow Hill, Maryland

October 7, 1942

Dr. George Irving
Department of Faith and Life
827 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Irving:-

More than a word of appreciation for the Seminar held

C O P Y

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STARKE, FLORIDA

January 19, 1943

Dr. George Irving
827 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia, Penna.

My dear Dr. Irving:-

It would be impossible to express on paper, without seeming to be insincere, how much your conference meant to me and to my ministry. I am grateful to you and to our Board of Christian Education. People drain you so dry you cannot keep up with them, and especially is it so for me with a large military camp close by and all the Presby. in the Florida State Penitentiary to administer to.

The most remarkable thing to me about the seminar was the evidence of the Spirit in both your testimony and also Dr. Speer's. I have been raised in a so-called Fundamental circle and taught that men of your group are modernists. Never have I attended a Fundamental conference where the power of the Spirit was more manifest. I have never been more deeply moved in my life. It was borne in in a most convincing way that men really filled with the Spirit are ecumenical in the strict sense of the word, they belong to the Church as a whole. It was a great revelation to me.

[The only suggestion I could make would be to say that you should plan to be with us again next year.] I had prayed much for the meeting before I went. Perhaps I should suggest that we all do that before attending. No doubt that was one reason I was so greatly blessed.

I shall continue to pray for your work and I am sure that in every seminar you are privileged to conduct God will bless as He did at Helena.

With deep thankfulness to God that I was permitted to attend and have the blessing of meeting both you and Dr. Speer, and thanking God for what it has meant in my ministry, I am,

Most sincerely yours in Christ

T.M. KINGSLEY

Harlem and Chinook, Montana

C O P Y

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HARLEM, MONTANA

December 2, 1942

The Rev. George Irving, Director
Department Faith and Life
827 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia, Pa

Dear Mr. Irving:-

C O P Y

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HELENA, MONTANA

November 20, 1942

Dr. Paul Calvin Payne
Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Payne:-

Dr. George Irving, leader with Dr. Speer of a Faith and Life Seminar in our Montana Synod last week, suggested that you would be the one to write to express the appreciation of our ministers of this fine service which the Board of Christian Education is giving in these seminars.

I am sure that I speak for all those who attended, twenty out of about 30 ministers of the state, when I say that the Seminar afforded us a most helpful time of fellowship with these leaders and with one another, and a time of inspiration that sends us back to our churches with a bigger conception of our task and of the resources which are ours.

I was most happy as chairman of our Synod's Committee of Christian Education to help in setting up the details of the seminar and to be host to it in my own church. I believe the men felt it was very much worth while having to travel several hundred miles to come to it, and some had to travel all Saturday afternoon and a large share of the night to get back to their churches for Sunday morning. If they didn't have enough homiletical material for several sermons though it was their fault.

We who are somewhat distant from the larger centers consider ourselves very much blessed that we have such a church back of us to send us such inspirational leaders as we had in Dr. Irving and Dr. Speer. We feel ourselves more than ever part of a mighty church and are more ready to do our bit as a part of it.

Most sincerely

C.E.Whittier

C O P Y

PRESBYTERY OF SPOKANE
FAIRFIELD, WASHINGTON

November 24, 1942

Rev. Paul Payne
Board of Christian Education
Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Payne:-

I have purposely waited several days before writing you as General Secretary for the Board of Christian Education concerning one part of your great work. I refer to the Faith and Life Seminars which in the Presbytery was conducted by Rev. Wm. C. Ross, Rev. Cameron P. Hall, Rev. George Irving and Dr. Robert E. Speer.

Time has only strengthened my conviction of the worthwhileness of this type of ministry to the leaders of the church - and thus to the whole church. Like others, I had to miss important engagements that I might attend the seminar, but coming under the influence of such men, even for 24 hours, gave food and inspiration for myself and congregation for months. This personal touch with great men seems far more effective than tons of "literature" from the same Board - even the same men.

The almost 100 percent attendance of the active ministers of this Presbytery speaks of the interest of the ministers in this type of service from the Board as well as their admiration of those who were our leaders.

I believe I speak sincerely for all the members of Presbytery attending the Seminar when I say to you for the Board of Christian Education "Thank you". We trust that the response from this type of service is such that it can be continued with whatever changes experience might suggest.

Gratefully yours,
Clifford C. Saunders , Stated Clerk
~~George Irving~~

C O P Y

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BOZEMAN, MONTANA

November 19, 1942

Dr. Paul Calvin Payne
Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Payne:-

I want to write to you as general secretary of the Board to convey to the Board of Christian Education, through you, my own great appreciation of the ministers' retreat held in Helena last weekend.

Dr. Irving and particularly Dr. Speer brought to us a very rich experience. In this I feel sure that I am speaking not only my own but the mind of the 19 or 20 men who were in attendance. The number may seem small, but I am under the impression that if you counted the aggregate miles they would be greater than usual. [One minister came a little over 600 miles and no one traveled less than 100 miles to attend.]

We are grateful to the Board for affording us this experience.

Most cordially yours,

P. Hewison Pollock

C O P Y
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COEUR d'ALENE, IDAHO

November 17, 1942

Rev. Paul Calvin Payne, D.D.
Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Dr. Payne:-

Lake week we of the Inland Empire participated in a Faith and Life Seminar, held in the Spokane Hotel, Spokane, Washington. Dr. Speer, in speaking of the devotional life of the minister, recalled seeing a wall plaque with this motto, "Have you tried thanksgiving?" His point struck home with me. Mayhap we ministers are particularly negligent in this respect. For instance, I did not take the time to write of my appreciation of the classes which you conducted in our summer conference at Chicago this past summer. As the result of the inspiration and instruction received in those periods we are rejoicing in an ever-increasing Sunday School this fall. You contributed much to our church at large by this particular ministry to us this past summer.

Again, for myself and on behalf of the ministers of the Presbytery of Northern Idaho, I wish to thank you for your part in making possible the seminar held in Spokane last week. Most of us have been too busy to really investigate and find out who or what gave rise to this movement on our behalf. However, some of us do know to whom to write and say thank you. I trust some note of our appreciation will reach those most responsible for these soul-enriching experiences. It seemed that Dr. Speer, Dr. Irving, Dr. Hall were at their best as they brought their messages to this small assemblage in this rather inaccessible area. Dr. William C. Ross of Salt Lake was largely responsible for the fine attendance from the Presbytery of Northern Idaho. He had so planned his work as to visit every church in our Presbytery prior to the seminar.

It does me good to write this letter of thanksgiving. In this dark night we have been looking at the stars. Let me remind you again of how as an eighth grader from the York County rural schools I heard you, as an earnest exponent of faith and hope exhort us to "Hitch your wagon to a star, keep your seat and there you are."

Gratefully yours,
SHELDON O. PRICE

C O P Y

FILLMORE STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CORINTH, MISS.

November 2, 1942

Rev. Paul Calvin Payne
General Secretary
Board of Christian Education
The Presbyterian Church U.S.A.
827 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia, Pa

Dear Dr. Payne:-

Your board has a warm place, especially, in the hearts of men who are emphasizing Christian Education. We know that even a fair program in any church, under the direction of your department, will enhance the interests in the work of the other boards.

But I write you particularly at this time because of the very delightfully helpful, inspirational and reassuring experience of the recent Faith and Life Seminar I attended at Natural Bridge, Tenn., just recently.

Dr. Robert E. Speer is always a blessing. He stirs one to the very depths. Dr. Roy E. Vale was just what I needed. I am so afraid of getting into the elongated ministerial grave sometimes called a "rut". Dr. Vale's contribution was just what I needed. And Dr. Irving is coming more and more to understand just what we church weary preachers need to give us spiritual rejuvenation. Please keep bringing us these programs, or rather get-togethers for our mutual recreation of the soul.

Of course when it comes to making suggestions as to what to emphasize at the seminars in the future, it is difficult to know what is best for all the ministers. What I mean is: the thing that has been done is of vital and resultful importance. But I would like to have discussed by some expert in the field, the matter of worship, of building worship programs. That is one of my chief interests, but it may not be of interest to so many others.

However, I have attended three of the Faith and Life Seminars and to me they have lived up to their title. I came back to my work strengthened and my consciousness of the tabgibility of the Life in Christ renewed.

Most gratefully and sincerely yours,

E. Frank Cody

C O P Y

THE PRESBYTERY OF ST. LOUIS, U.S.A
Norman L. Euwer, Stated Clerk
4501 Westminster Place
St. Louis, Mo.

November 14, 1941

Dr. George Irving
Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Irving:-

The Presbytery of St. Louis in its Stated Meeting, held at Pacific, Missouri, on November 10th, instructed me to write you as follows:

"We recommend that the Presbytery, through its Stated Clerk, officially voice its appreciation to Dr. George Irving, and through him, to Dr. Cotton and Dr. Homrighausen, for the deep spiritual benefits of the Seminar on Faith and Life."

This was unanimously adopted. I would be happy to express the same sentiment personally, and in my own way. The Voice of the Presbytery is my "Master's Voice", and so I give you the message of appreciation just as they were spoken.

It was a pleasure, and very profitable, to be with you again, as was my privilege at the seminar.

May the Lord bless you richly in your work.

In behalf of the Presbytery

Very sincerely yours

Norman L. Euwer
Stated Clerk

"Once more let me thank you and the Board of Christian Education for bringing these seminars to Kansas. They have produced results in enriching the lives of more of us than you can guess, for some of the finest results are those that one struggles in vain to get down on paper."

Roland C. Propst, Hays, Kansas

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Rev. E. S. Kreidler, Kansas City, Kansas

"It has been my privilege to attend all six of the seminars held at the College of Emporia under your direction. The reason that I have attended all of them is that they had done something to me each year. It is hard to put into words all that they mean to a young pastor. By them I have gained great bits of knowledge. We all have much to learn and the leadership we have had there has been excellent and certainly instructive to all of us. I have been moved in spirit at each seminar. I have always said that we preachers need preaching to sometimes as much as the people in our pews. I treasure the moments when I can become a listener and receiver of the spirit instead of always being the leader of the worship of God. This does my soul a great deal of good and renews my spirit within me. And how I need that at times. I also marvel at the fellowship of the men of the Synod of Kansas and to get to mingle with them once again for several days and share with them this rich experience means much to my lonely spirit that is always crying out for more fellowship with the men of the ministry of the Presbyterian church. The seminar is a place of renewal of life for me in the spirit of Christ and in the fellowship of my fellow Christians. I need that sort of thing sorely. I cannot receive it at any other place than at a seminar like those held at the College of Emporia."

Rev. Frank E. Funk, Paola, Kansas

"Having had time to reflect on our experience at the Faith and Life Seminar at Emporia, I find that the week was the most helpful I have had since my ordination in 1939. We enjoyed an intimate fellowship with outstanding Christian leaders and with our fellow ministers which reminded me of the relationships of Jesus to his disciples. And, in a very real sense, Jesus shared that relationship with us. There can be no finer experience in all of life.

"Intellectually the seminar was very good. It brought to our minds practical problems, the kind we face every day, and often over look. The physical relaxation and change which was also very helpful, but I went to Emporia to "get my feet on the ground". I did just that and returned to work knowing what I was trying to do and feeling that I am not doing it alone. I also am not so perturbed about my future. It seems that all things will work out for the best."

Donald W. Zimmerman, Horton, Kansas

June 1943

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"It was a genuine refreshment of soul to be with you and the other members of the team at Emporia Seminar last week. Not on a long, long time have I had anything do me as much good as the fellowship of those days. Not only did you provide excellent leadership in securing Dr. Buttrick and Dr. Clyde but your own gracious leadership and direction pointed up the spiritual value in a way that makes me deeply indebted to you.

"I do not know what the Board of Christian Education is contemplating in this field in the future, but I for one would like to voice my hearty approval of this type of a program and to record my impression that the informal fellowship of such small groups probably counts for more when we can have leadership such as we have had this year than would the formal exercises of some accredited school/ We all know more than we do. What we need is to be touched off, kindled, refreshed, by intimate contact with those who cause us to look up from our tasks to set our direction by the eternities. The Lord bless you in your fine work.

Roy W. Zimmer, Topeka, Kansas

June 1943

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At the Faith and Life Seminar at Dubuque in May Dr. Speer and you, through your leadership had and gave, the spiritual guidance and uplift that I needed. Dr. Little was very helpful in his practical suggestions in pastoral theology. I learned much from each of you that is helping "to gird up the loins" of my mind.

If the seminars do nothing more than give inspiration and encouragement, and they certainly do that, they would be extremely beneficial. I hope you will continue the fine work."

James E. Walker, Belvidere, Ills.

"Thanks again for bring^{ing} our first Faith and Life to Dubuque. Already we have had our first book review as suggested by Mr. Trinerude. Seven of us met in Waterloo and the evening spent on "AN INVITATION TO PILGRIMAGE" WAS THE MOST REWARDING I have had on any similar experience.

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Lionel B. West, Charlotte, North Carolina

"I received your letter of June 9th and was glad to hear from you. I was also glad to receive the very valuable literature which you sent me, and I'll assure you that I am going to read each one of them carefully and prayerfully. I cherish the book you sent, 'How To Know The Will Of God'. I must say the ministers of the southern fields appreciate more than words could express that you, Dr. Speer and Dr. Campbell thought so much of us as to come and spend 24 very helpful hours with us in one of the greatest meetings which I have ever attended. I shall continue to pray for the success of all these meetings. To my way of thinking these meetings are so helpful in so many ways that their value is hard to estimate. I do not see how the meetings could be improved for to me it was very well carried out. May God continue to make you a blessing to others."
L.E. GINN, Box 58, Aiken, S.C.

"I am sure all of us were greatly helped by the Faith and Life Seminar at Dubuque. You have always provided excellent leadership for these seminars and the sincerity and humor which you yourself employ helps to furnish the proper atmosphere for such a conference. This is my third such seminar and I think the best of the three. Thank you very much."

Leonard Odiorne, Freeport, Ills.

"From the reports of the men in attendance at our Faith and Life Seminar this is the best one we have ever had here. It has been a long time since I have seen men moved as deeply as these men were following the closing address of Dr. Speer. He really got into their hearts in a marvelous way and led many of them to make some resolutions for the days that are before them. Some of the men have written testifying of the value of the Seminar and expressing gratefulness for the opportunity to attend. It was a great seminar from every ~~respect~~ aspect, and I know I express the appreciation of the whole staff of the seminary."

C. Vin White, Dean Dubuque University

May 7, 1943

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J. Milton Strong, Lytton, Iowa

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Robert T. Bonham Rockford, Illinois

The Dubuque Seminar was ~~more~~ a challenging and soul-searching season. Dr. Robert E. Speer, speaking out of his knowledge and experience and deep spiritual life was just what we need. Dr. Ganse Little, young, thoughtful, and yet ready to go full tilt into things, was challenging and at the same time true to the scriptures (Bible centered). Your leadership and fearless facing of problems made the men feel the comradeship sorely needed in this day. Personally I thank God for the privilege, and the team for their consecration and loyalty to the Christ and His Church."

F.W. Eastwood Washington, Iowa

"The conference at Dubuque was most helpful. Just to look at Robert E. Speer is worth the time and trouble to attend. I certainly hope the Board will continue these seminars. Dubuque Seminary officers and teachers are fine hosts, and the campus is a good place for such a meeting."

W.F. Wills, Cedar Falls, Iowa

C O P Y

BROOKLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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John Paul Vincent, Ponca City, Okla

"I am 100% in favor of all such seminars. My only regret is that there are not more. As you know I am a recent seminary graduate. More than anything else I have missed the discussions of theological matters and on making an effective ministry. I have missed the fertile exchange of ideas and thoughts.

"For me the seminar was like climbing the mountain top for the far-reaching view. I realize I cannot live there--I must return to the valley. But oh how important that long view is. Then again, it's easy to skim the top; it takes more effort to plumb the depths. We get so busy (we say) that we forget the depths, the eternal springs. Thank you for sending me back."

Bruce Evans, Champaign, Ills.

"It is difficult to evaluate these seminars. I attended two this past year, one at the foot of the Smokies and this one at ~~Bancroft~~ ^{Saginaw}. Both left very definite and strong impressions on me.

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"I was grateful all through for the emphasis upon the need for enthusiasm in the proclamation of the gospel.) H's electric personality was an excellent living example of the quality needed. I came home from the meeting uplifted and felt the seminar was completely worthwhile."

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Cordially

Robert Howes.

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(The following is a copy of a letter received from a minister who attended the Faith and Life Seminar at Champaign, Illinois, March 15-16, 1943)

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Joseph L. Connolly, Ph.D., Raymond, Illinois

February 1943

"I have had more courage and hope since we met."

D.S. McCorkle, Conrad, Montana

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Darwin M. Haynes, Millersburg, Ohio

"The seminar at McCormick Creek Park was highly successful. Insofar as I am personally concerned the seminar was quite profitable to me; and, knowing the reaction of several other men it seems to me that it was a profitable session for all."

C. Sumpter Logan, Indianapolis, Indiana

"Our seminar at Gatlinburg was of great value to me. The fellowship was fine, the devotions and leadership most helpful. The messages were inspiring. The open discussions were full of interest. It was highly worth while."

Jere A. Moore, Greeneville, Tenn.

"The seminar at Beaver College was well worth the time. It was very helpful to me. I'll go again any time. I think they have value not only for the individual minister, but for us as a body, as members of Presbytery. We get to know and appreciate one another.

Frank H. Stroup, Ivyland, Penna.

"The seminar at Marshall, Mo., was the first one I have attended. I found it very helpful and hope to attend more in the future. I liked the close personal contact with the leaders. I liked the informality. I hope you will continue to have such conferences."

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Harold J. Person, Marshall, N.C.

November 1942

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Rev. B.V. Stuart, Cawood, Kentucky

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Rev. John A. Hutchison, Wooster, Ohio

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Rev. Theodore S. Smylie, St. Louis, Mo.

"It was an enjoyable experience to be a part of the seminar. The lectures were fine and stimulating but there should be more time. Thank you for all you gave to the seminar."

Rev. Horace Lukens, Vienna, Virginia

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Rev. Samuel W. Blizzard, Long Green, Md.

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Rev. John Oldman, Snow Hill, Md.

"With the memories of Michigan Conference still vivid in my mind, and those of Cadiz, Ohio in 1937 scarcely less so, it is a real pleasure to write you. Both conferences were on a high plane and most helpful to me. They present a color tone to a minister's whole thinking, to his attitude toward his own personal religion, to his preaching and to his work as a pastor. Such a conference supplies about the only occasion when ministers of presbytery get together and are not divided over some issues which they feel important. Thus in the warm, spiritual atmosphere of a 'Faith and Life' seminar, the members of Presbytery are brought to understand better, and love one another."

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"I can frankly say the holding of these Faith and Life Seminars is one of the finest contributions our Church makes. They bring to me as a minister what I most need, the opportunity to deepen my spiritual life."

Harry T. Scherer, Webster Groves, Mo.

"As one who attended the recent seminar at LeRoy, I want to express my personal appreciation for the privilege of that seminar. I consider it among the high spots of my ministry. Please receive my personal gratitude for your well planned seminar and be assured I will make every effort to attend the next one near me."

Darwin M. Haynes, Millersburg, Ohio

"The seminar at McCormick Creek Park was highly successful. Insofar as I am personally concerned the seminar was quite profitable to me; and, knowing the reaction of several other men it seems to me that it was a profitable session for all."

C. Sumpter Logan, Indianapolis, Indiana

"Our seminar at Gatlinburg was of great value to me. The fellowship was fine, the devotions and leadership most helpful. The messages were inspiring. The open discussions were full of interest. It was highly worth while."

Jere A. Moore, Greeneville, Tenn.

"The seminar at Beaver College was well worth the time. It was very helpful to me. I'll go again any time. I think they have value not only for the individual minister, but for us as a body, as members of Presbytery. We get to know and appreciate one another.

Frank H. Stroup, Ivyland, Penna.

"The seminar at Marshall, Mo., was the first one I have attended. I found it very helpful and hope to attend more in the future. I liked the close personal contact with the leaders. I liked the informality. I hope you will continue to have such conferences."

Ralph H. Jemings, Kansas City, Missouri

"The seminar at Gatlinburg was very helpful to all of us because of the inspiration it gave and equally the fellowship man for man."

Harold J. Person, Marshall, N.C.

November 1942

"The seminar proved to be a spiritual feast for me. I have desired such a Retreat for many days. Wish we might have more of them and more frequently. It certainly inspired me to more zeal for Prayer and for Bible Study. Also it gave me a higher sense of responsibility, or better say, privilege, in being a representative of the Lord in His great Church."

Rev. B.V. Stuart, Cawood, Kentucky

"I want to write you a line to express my appreciation for the seminar at LeRoy. This was my first intimation that our church is doing things of this sort, and I want to say what a thoroughly worthwhile enterprise I think it is."

Rev. John A. Hutchison, Wooster, Ohio

"I surely hope the presence and power of the Holy Spirit will attend your way as you go from Presbytery to Presbytery, seeking to enrich the spiritual life of the ministry." "I enjoyed greatly the retreat at Camp Montebello"

Rev. Theodore S. Skyles, St. Louis, Mo.

"It was an enjoyable experience to be a part of the seminar. The lectures were fine and stimulating but there should be more time. Thank you for all you gave to the seminar."

Rev. Horace Lukens, Vicama, Virginia

"The Faith and Life Seminar at Annapolis was unique in my experience as a Presbyterian minister. After many a day of Presbytery with its necessary but tiring business, one wishes for a refreshing time such as we had at Annapolis. I shall be looking forward eagerly to the next seminar in our Synod."

Rev. Samuel W. Blizzard, Long Green, Md.

"I am giving thanks to God for the release of the rich experiences that have flown and will flow from these seminars. I am confident that the hearts of our ministers will go out in prayer that there may be released to us afresh such an outpouring of God's spirit as to give greater guidance, larger vision, increased devotion for the Kingdom task."

Rev. J.S. Dapp, Denver, Colo

"More than a word of appreciation for the seminar recently held at Annapolis is in order. This is the third such conference I have attended and they get better each time. The greatest personal blessing which I derive from these meetings is the stimulation of thought, brought by the leaders, and the new visions of the total movement of the church, brought by contact with fellow presbyters"

Rev. John Oldman, Snow Hill, Md.

"With the memories of Michigan Conference still vivid in my mind, and those of Cadiz, Ohio in 1937 scarcely less so, it is a real pleasure to write you. Both conferences were on a high plane and most helpful to me. They present a color tone to a minister's whole thinking, to his attitude toward his own personal religion, to his preaching and to his work as a pastor. Such a conference supplies about the only occasion when ministers of presbytery get together and are not divided over some issues which they feel important. Thus in the warm, spiritual atmosphere of a 'Faith and Life' seminar, the members of Presbytery are brought to understand better, and love one another."

C O P Y

GOGEBIC PARISH - RAMSAY, MICHIGAN

October 20, 1942

Rev. George Irving, Director
Department of Faith and Life
827 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear "Uncle George":-

Thank you for your book "Experiences In Witnessing For Christ". I have read it and re-read certain portions several times.

Thinking in terms of the Army's refresher courses for Chaplains, I wonder if we might not compare Faith and Life Conferences and think of them in terms of refresher courses for ministers everywhere. Certainly our experience at Presbytery Point, Lake Michigan, was a refreshment to me in the things of the Lord, and I would be ungrateful indeed if I let this opportunity go by without letting you know that I did appreciate your part in this work.

I have written to Dr. Payne telling him how valuable I thought the work of Faith and Life Conferences really is among ministers who are "up in the sticks" like I am.

I thank God for the blessing He has given me in this conference and trust that He will guide and direct you in determining the length of time for these seminars and in the matter of recommending good books and also in the correspondence from your office.

However, I feel the personal contact ~~of~~ of men with men in the ministry gathered together in a Faith and Life Conference is of great value. When men can sit down informally to think and pray, to work and say those things which are on their hearts and souls, then the spirit of God is given free play and we, as ministers of Christ, can attempt great things in the work of His kingdom. Together with Paul I would say, "I thank God for every remembrance of you and the men present at Presbytery Point at Lake Michigan". Although visiting from the Synod of Wisconsin, I enjoyed the fellowship with the men in the Lake Superior Presbytery of the Synod of Michigan.

May God richly bless you in your work as you continue in the strenuous effort which is your responsibility.

Your brother in Christ

William J. Steele

October 1941

"Last week I attended the Faith and Life Seminar at Chillicothe, Mo. It was the most helpful gathering we have had in these parts for many years.

D.H.Middents, Hannibal, Mo

"I wish to express my appreciation of the Faith and Life Seminar at Huron, September 17th. How much we ministers, so it seems to me, need those inspirations to help us lay hold of resources that any one of us can use. Coming from Chicago Institute this summer the opinion was expressed that Synods should take more time for study and solid inspiration the like of which we had just enjoyed at our Seminary. To me the Faith and Life Seminar did just that very thing. To me the need might be evident in such a large percentage of attendance. Eighteen months previous with a similar meeting at Aberdeen a funeral ~~six~~ prevented my attendance and I looked forward eagerly that I might attend this great privilege. I trust that the seminars may be continued."

G.H.Nusbaum, Sioux Falls, S D.

I have just returned to my pastorate after having attended a seminar at Springfield, Mo., held by Drs. Irving, Speer and Bowman. May I have the privilege of conveying hereby my highest appreciation of the work of these scholarly and consecrated Christian gentlemen. The helpfulness and quality of their messages being the highest, never once dropped for a moment from the beginning to the end of the series.

It would be a tragic mistake - if the Board can make this an annual event - not to do so."

H.A.Lynch, Golden City, Mo/

"This note is relative to Faith and Life Seminars at Chillicothe and Springfield. These are the only two I ever attended and I have nothing but praise in behalf of the experience afforded the men. The team of Dr. Irving, Dr. Bowman and Dr. Speer was well chosen. I have no criticism whatever on their leadership. To most of our Missouri men this was a totally new experience. The reaction was most gratifying. There were 22 men present at Chillicothe and 28 at Springfield. These figures do not include the team. At both places the men were unanimous that a similar seminar might be held next year. Some were wishing they might be more frequent. You may be sure that anything our office can do to promote such an enterprise will be gladly done."

Ralph A. Waggoner, Sedalia, Mo
Executive Secretary Missouri Synod.

C O P Y

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DUDLEY M. CLAGETT, D.D.
ELK CITY, OKLAHOMA

February 9, 1942

Rev. Paul Calvin Payne, D.D.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Payne:-

I was one of the 40 odd men who had the privilege of attending the Minister's Seminar at Guthrie last month.

To me it was one of the most worthwhile things that could be planned for our whole work, bringing inspiration, information, plans, consecration, to the men on whose shoulders rests the responsibility for shepherding the flocks throughout the state and leading them in building the Kingdom. I can think of no more worthwhile undertaking of your Board.

I heard more than one man say this was the best seminar he had attended. Dr. Speer was at his best, and that is saying a lot, for you know there is none better.

Dr. Barlow was a real inspiration to us all, and revealed himself as a man of ability, vision, consecration. He held up in a splendid way his part of the conference.

Dr. Irving was, I thought, even a little better than usual, possibly because he gave considerable attention to definite personal evangelism, which we all need. Every one loves and appreciates Dr. Irving.

We certainly want these seminars continued, and the response of the men, in attendance and interest, I certainly thinks warrants that continuance.

Sincerely

Dudley M. Clagett.

"I want to thank you once more for the seminar at Visalia and for the inspiration which came to us there. It was worth the time over and over to be in fellowship with such leaders. I am sure all who attended will look back on those two days with deep appreciation for what we received. I like the method of the seminar. The devotional spirit and the talks, then the give and take of the questions and answers were very helpful to us all. I appreciate the emphasis on the use of hymns. I have found the reading and meditation upon some of the great hymns is the best thing I can do to get into the spirit of prayer, especially when I do not feel like praying."

Rev. Ray C.Krug, Terra Bella, California, March 1942

"Without hesitation I believe such seminar experiences are invaluable to men in the field in such days as these. If there is any way we can be of help please let us know." Charles F. Bole, Hillsdale, Mich, March 1942

"From every side I have heard good things about the Saratoga Seminar. It did the thing for which it was designed. It warmed our hearts. It brought us together. It made us look out spiritual windows. We saw the far off hills and the little things seemed to sink away. No one was on the horizon challenging our Lord and Master.....God was the great unchanging background of it all."

Rev. Thomas H. Simpson, Portalhurst Com.Church, San Francisco

"I received quite a lot of spiritual benefit from the conference at Visalia. It was a high privilege to be present for the fellowship with the brethren, where one heart warms to another." Rev. M.G.Montgomery, Madera, Calif March 10, 1942

"The seminar afforded an opportunity of really getting away in a quiet place and giving one's whole thought and attention to spiritual meditation and prayer, concentration on the vital things of God and His kingdom. The inspiration and the encouragement to be and to do will not soon be dissipated."

Rev. E M.Keeler, Fresno, Calif., March 1942

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October 1, 1941

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a. It broadened my conception of the Christian Ministry. I had the rural viewpoint and thought of the church in terms of rural needs. Thanks for the stimulus.

b. Renewed my flagging spirit. I am now re-reading my New Testament in the light of modern problems. It is great to find principles that give an answer to the world's challenge.

c. Contrary to the general conception prevalent among us working on the frontiers, I discovered that the real leaders of the church are spiritually-minded. I always thought my faith was too simple. Dr. Speer showed me that my faith was the faith of the strong.

Joseph Trovato

October 1-2, 1941

Springfield, Missouri

It was my high privilege to attend the seminar at Springfield, Missouri, October 1-2, and receive inspiration from that fellowship and discussion.

It is my honest conviction and feeling that it was one of the most worth while gatherings of ministers I have ever been in. The number present was just right for a close fellowship and intimate acquaintance. I was impressed with the informal manner in which it was conducted. I think all the men felt a perfect freedom. And of course the words of our leaders were very fine. The messages and discussions were all so helpful and inspirational. The deep spiritual note and the practical suggestions, as well as the fine fellowship, were to me some of the high points of the seminar.

I should like to see another seminar held next year, or whenever it would seem wise to hold it.

F.E. Hamlin, First Pres. Church, Aurora, Missouri

C O P Y

Putnam Presbyterian Church
Zanesville, Ohio

November 29, 1941

Dr. George Irving
827 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Irving:-

The refreshing experiences which we had with you and your team at our Faith and Life Seminar meant so much to me. This has not been the easiest year that I have spent in the ministry. I thank God for such a fine church and people. They have been wonderful to me for almost four years. But, as you know, there are apt to be some disappointments along life's way. For a long time I have said to myself, "I may become disappointed but I shall try, with God's help, to rise above discouragement". This I have tried to do this year and the way has been marked with many signs of His abounding love. I shall long remember the Seminar as one of the springs that has furnished water for the soul. We need more of these conferences, and, if we had more of them, many of the problems of the ministry could be met and solved more easily. I thank you for your great usefulness in our Church in these days. May you have power and strength to continue.

With kindest regards and prayer for the furtherance of your work, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

D. King Kerr

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JUNE 1941

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Rev. Herman P. Allen, Thorntown, Indiana

"The chief value of these Faith and Life Seminars to me, is to get the opportunity to go apart from the distractions of parish life and face up to spiritual realities in an atmosphere of quiet and Christian fellowship. I think that is the greatest thing about it all. You are doing a great work."

Rev. Hurd Allyn Drake, Kokomo, Indiana

"I want to say the retreat at McCormick Creek was a real help to me. The leadership and trend of their discussions could not be excelled. They were stimulating and made me think of myself and my work. If at all possible I will attend the retreat next year." Rev. Roy E. Mueller, Indianapolis, Indiana

"I am still living on the mountaintop to which we went when in the Faith and Life Seminar at Bowling Green, Ky. The exaltation from that mental and spiritual stimulation will, without doubt, serve to challenge each minister to a more zealous ministry. The Board is doing a great work for the ministers if other conferences are as successful as the one we have just had." Rev. Harold Howard, Franklin, Ky.

COMMENTS ON SEMINARS

Emporia, Kansas, June 24, 25, 1941

"I wish to express my appreciation to you and to the Board of Christian Education for the splendid seminar I was privileged to share at Emporia, Kansas, June 24 and 25. I have attended each one of the Emporia Seminars and have received much inspiration and help from them all.

"I think that this year was one of the finest. I am sure that these seminars are proving of great value to all the ministers of our Synod who attend."

E.S. Kroidler, Western Highlands Presbyterian Church, Emp
Kansas City, Kansas

"The group at the Emporia Seminar wished to express deep and sincere appreciation of the unusually fine service which you gave us. During the seminar I talked to many of the men personally and heard expressions of deep and earnest appreciation. I know that your messages as well as your consecrated and devoted spirit left a profound impression upon their minds and hearts.

Unless you have lived in these more or less isolated parishes of our church you cannot quite conceive the loneliness which often envelopes these men cut off from their brethren and from the general movements of the church. The seminar provided a period of spiritual refreshment which is as much needed as a fountain of cool water in the desert. This the seminar provided in a high degree. May I add my own sincere thanks for the uplift which you gave me."

Asa J. Perry, First Presbyterian Church, Wichita, Kansas

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"You are doing a splendid service through the faith and life seminars as I have seen them the past two years. While I have enjoyed the point of view of the large city church ministers who have been present at each of the seminars, I have heard expressions of desire that the team should have a man who has ministered to churches in the middle sized groups and from centers that may not be so urban, to reach the actual experiences of most of those who attend the seminars."

Horace C. Casey, Presbyterian Church, Ardmore, Okla.

"I want to take this time, although late, of expressing my appreciation and gratitude for the spiritual uplift which I received at the Faith and Life Seminar. The seminar deepened my spiritual life and its influence has been noticed by the people here in my parish."

Charles Armentrout, Presbyterian Church, Bluffton, Ohio

"The seminar was most rewarding, both spiritually and socially, I heard several say it was the best of its kind they ever attended and I heartily agreed. The two sides of the minister's life were well taken care of by Dr. Hanzsche and Dr. Speer. I trust the future seminars will be as great a blessing to our fellow ministers as ours was at Schwenksville."

Thomas F. Kennedy, 1st Pres. Church, Lansford, Pa.

"I think the seminar idea is swell. So much so that I have submitted an article to THE PRESBYTERIAN. The church-at-large should have it presented as I have tried to do. Meanwhile, I have come home and begun working like a house afire. The inspiration of Schwenksville is responsible. I think about three a year would be about the proper tonic for any minister. In lieu of that I wish you could do something to convert the average ministerium into something above the commonplace."

Wm. S. LaSor, Green Ridge Presbya, Church
Scranton, Pa.

COMMENTS ON SEMINARS

"I believe that the real value of your seminars can scarcely be estimated. I feel that they were a real opportunity to bring ministers together and face for two days the vital things of the Kingdom. By all means keep them up. It is the thing that I have been advocating that should happen throughout the church now for a long time."

Harold R. Martin, Second Presb'n. Church,
Bloomington, Illinois

"I am so new in the ministry that I have no tools of comparison at my hands, but to me the Faith and Life Seminar in Denver was 'tops'. So here in Brush, after being on the field for such a short time I was beginning to feel like a 'half-filled vessel trying to splash over,' and needed just the thing that the seminar provided in abundance."

Harold W. Hallette, Rankin Presb'n. Church, Brush, Colo

"This is just a word to express my personal appreciation of the Faith and Life Seminar, which was held in Guthrie, January 23, 24. In my itineration through the Synod I have heard from the pastors many words of praise and gratitude for the challenge, blessing and inspiration they received at this seminar. It is my judgment that the Faith and Life Seminar is the finest contribution that the Board of Christian Education has made to the church at large for many years."

S. Graham Frazer, Synodical Executive, Oklahoma Synod

"Fort Worth and the Blue Room of the Worth Hotel will be forever enshrined in my hoary of hearts because of the last two seminars there. Could you get Simon Peter and the Apostle Paul to come with you as leaders next year?"

J. Paul Stevens, First Pres. Church, Slaton, Texas

"I have waited these few days after the seminar to write you because I felt sure that if I were to write you at once I would exaggerate. Anything I say in this letter comes "in the cold, grey light of the dawn" and not in the fervor of the moment when the line between one's imagination and one's information practically vanishes. I feel, however, that I would be committing a grievous sin of omission if I were to fail to write you and express my sentiments concerning the seminar."

✓ "You are entirely aware, I think of the marvelous opportunity which is yours in serving as 'The Pastor's Pastor' for us. You are admirably fitted for that office and your spirit reflects the spirit of the Master and, therefore, is contagious. Your words to us, based upon the Word of God, are long remembered and I confess I have never heard any one who can read Scripture as you do. Your technique (isn't that an over-worked word?) for handling such a group is very effective. You are adroit in keeping your hands on the reins in such a way that there is no tension and yet we are kept upon the matters which really count. And I can quite readily see, as was demonstrated in our own seminar, that occasionally there is a tendency to discuss the tithing of mint and rue and anise and cummin to the neglect of the weightier matters of the law. I think this paragraph will convey to you the extent of the

of the blessing I received from those two days. While we do not wish to be unduly selfish in the matter, the men all hope it will be possible to have another seminar next year.."

Siida G. Kessler, First Presbyn. Church, Hastings, Nebr.

"Just a note to say that I am feeling very much encouraged over the outcome of our Faith and Life Seminars. I talked with some of the Colorado men during the weekend and they felt that the seminar was ~~the~~ most helpful. One of them expressed the hope that we could have something like that for the pastors about twice a year. Another one said it was the most stimulating experience he had had for a long time.

"In this morning's mail I have notes from two of the Nebraska men. Oliver Froott, at Gresham, writes 'I am still basking in the light of that spiritual treat, the Faith and Life Seminar, we had at Hastings. It was wonderful.' Joseph Johnston, from Tekamah, writes, 'The Faith-Life Seminar was great experience and I'll go across the state, if need be, to attend any more if you have them'. There isn't any question as to the outstanding value of these Seminars to our pastors."

T. Raymond Allston, D.D., Field Representative C.E. Colorado and Nebraska Synods.

"I find these seminars one of the most helpful experiences of all the year. This year I was not able to be with the group for the entire time, which I think is a distinct loss. The continuous fellowship in one place has great value. I like your plan to make the seminars inspirational, mentally stimulating, and practical. They are very helpful."

Leslie F. Sweetland, First Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids, Nebraska

"it was a pleasure to attend the Faith and Life Seminar at Peoria. The after-glow of the messages proved their value to me. They tend to keep us from getting in undesirable ruts in our separate ministries. The entire session meant much to me."

Kermit W. Peterson, Calvary Presbyn. Church, Peoria, Ills.

C O P Y

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GALESBURG, ILLS.

March 24

Dr. George Irving
Department Faith and Life
Board of Christian Education
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Dr. Irving:-

I was deeply impressed by the seminar in Peoria which I was privileged to share.

[The thing which impressed me was the deep, and sincerely spiritual messages of the leaders. Their evident earnestness and their open honesty in presenting their messages was something which I noted. The strong sense of God's Presence was also a part of my general impression.

After sitting with you leaders throughout the morning and afternoon, I felt I had received something for the "inner man". It was a definite spiritual "lift". I felt "strengthened by His might". And, too, my sense of fellowship with the group was strengthened.]

God bless you, as you carry on this good work.

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G.C.Swain

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a. It broadened my conception of the Christian Ministry. I had the rural viewpoint and thought of the church in terms of rural needs. Thanks for the stimulus.

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c. Contrary to the general conception prevalent among us working on the frontiers, I discovered that the real leaders of the church are spiritually-minded. I always thought my faith was too simple. Dr. Speer showed me that my faith was the faith of the strong.

Joseph Trovato

October 1-2, 1941

Springfield, Missouri

It was my high privilege to attend the seminar at Springfield, Missouri, October 1-2, and receive inspiration from that fellowship and discussion.

It is my honest conviction and feeling that it was one of the most worth while gatherings of ministers I have ever been in. The number present was just right for a close fellowship and intimate acquaintance. I was impressed with the informal manner in which it was conducted. I think all the men felt a perfect freedom. And of course the words of our leaders were very fine. The messages and discussions were all so helpful and inspirational. The deep spiritual note and the practical suggestions, as well as the fine fellowship, were to me some of the high points of the seminar.

I should like to see another seminar held next year, or whenever it would seem wise to hold it.

F.E. Hamlin, First Pres. Church, Aurora, Missouri

COMMENTS ON SEMINARS

Emporia, Kansas, June 24, 25, 1941

"I wish to express my appreciation to you and to the Board of Christian Education for the splendid seminar I was privileged to share at Emporia, Kansas, June 24 and 25. I have attended each one of the Emporia Seminars and have received much inspiration and help from them all.

"I think that this year was one of the finest. I am sure that these seminars are proving of great value to all the ministers of our Synod who attend."

E.S. Kreidler, Western Highlands Presbyterian Church, ~~Emp~~
Kansas City, Kansas

"The group at the Emporia Seminar wished to express deep and sincere appreciation of the unusually fine service which you gave us. During the seminar I talked to many of the men personally and heard expressions of deep and earnest appreciation. I know that your messages as well as your consecrated and devoted spirit left a profound impression upon their minds and hearts.

"Unless you have lived in these more or less isolated parishes of our church you cannot quite conceive the loneliness which often envelopes these men cut off from their brethren and from the general movements of the church. The seminar provided a period of spiritual refreshment which is as much needed as a fountain of cool water in the desert. This the seminar provided in a high degree. May I add my own sincere thanks for the uplift which you gave me."

Aca J. Perry, First Presbyterian Church, Wichita, Kansas

May 1941

COMMENTS REGARDING SEMINARS

"You are doing a splendid service through the faith and life seminars as I have seen them the past two years. While I have enjoyed the point of view of the large city church ministers who have been present at each of the seminars, I have heard expressions of desire that the team should have a man who has ministered to churches in the middle sized groups and from centers that may not be so urban, to reach the actual experiences of most of those who attend the seminars."

Horace C. Casey, Presbyterian Church, Ardmore, Okla.

"I want to take this time, although late, of expressing my appreciation and gratitude for the spiritual uplift which I received at the Faith and Life Seminar. The seminar deepened my spiritual life and its influence has been noticed by the people here in my parish."

Charles Armentrout, Presbyterian Church, Bluffton, Ohio

"The seminar was most rewarding, both spiritually and socially, I heard several say it was the best of its kind they ever attended and I heartily agreed. The two sides of the minister's life were well taken care of by Dr. Hanzsche and Dr. Speer. I trust the future seminars will be as great a blessing to our fellow ministers as ours was at Schwenksville."

Thomas F. Kennedy, 1st Pres. Church, Lansford, Pa.

"I think the seminar idea is swell. So much so that I have submitted an article to THE PRESBYTERIAN. The church-at-large should have it presented as I have tried to do. Meanwhile, I have come home and begun working like a house afire. The inspiration of Schwenksville is responsible. I think about three a year would be about the proper tonic for any minister. In lieu of that I wish you could do something to convert the average ministerium into something above the commonplace."

Wm. S. LaSor, Green Ridge Presbyn, Church
Scranton, Pa.

COMMENTS ON SEMINARS

"I believe that the real value of your seminars can scarcely be estimated. I feel that they were a real opportunity to bring ministers together and face for two days the vital things of the Kingdom. By all means keep them up. It is the thing that I have been advocating that should happen throughout the church now for a long time."

Harold R. Martin, Second Presbyn. Church,
Bloomington, Illinois

"I am so new in the ministry that I have no tools of comparison at my hands, but to me the Faith and Life Seminar in Denver was 'tops'. So here in Brush, after being on the field for such a short time I was beginning to feel like a 'half-filled vessel trying to splash over,' and needed just the thing that the seminar provided in abundance."

Harold M. Mallette, Rankin Presbyn. Church, Brush, Colo

"This is just a word to express my personal appreciation of the Faith and Life Seminar, which was held in Guthrie, January 23, 24. In my itineration through the Synod I have heard from the pastors many words of praise and gratitude for the challenge, blessing and inspiration they received at this seminar. It is my judgment that the Faith and Life Seminar is the finest contribution that the Board of Christian Education has made to the church at large for many years."

S. Graham Fraser, Synodical Executive, Oklahoma Synod

"Fort Worth and the Blue Room of the Worth Hotel will be forever enshrined in my heary of hearts because of the last two seminars there. Could you get Simon Peter and the Apostle Paul to come with you as leaders next year?"

J. Paul Stevens, First Pres. Church, Slaton, Texas

"I have waited these few days after the seminar to write you because I felt sure that if I were to write you at once I would exaggerate. Anything I say in this letter comes "in the cold, grey light of the dawn" and not in the fervor of the moment when the line between one's imagination and one's information practically vanishes. I feel, however, that I would be committing a grievous sin of omission if I were to fail to write you and express my sentiments concerning the seminar."

"You are entirely aware, I think of the marvelous opportunity which is yours in serving as 'The Pastor's Pastor' for us. You are admirably fitted for that office and your spirit reflects the spirit of the Master and, therefore, is contagious. Your words to us, based upon the Word of God, are long remembered and I confess I have never heard any one who can read Scripture as you do. Your technique (isn't that an over-worked word?) for handling such a group is very effective. You are adroit in keeping your hands on the reins in such a way that there is no tension and yet we are kept upon the matters which really count. And I can quite readily see, as was demonstrated in our own seminar, that occasionally there is a tendency to discuss the tithing of mint and rue and anise and cumin to the neglect of the weightier matters of the law. I think this paragraph will convey to you the extent of the

of the blessing I received from those two days. While we do not wish to be unduly selfish in the matter, the men all hope it will be possible to have another seminar next year.."

Silas G. Kessler, First Presbyn. Church, Hastings, Nebr.

"Just a note to say that I am feeling very much encouraged over the outcome of our Faith and Life Seminars. I talked with some of the Colorado men during the weekend and they felt that the seminar was ~~the~~ most helpful. One of them expressed the hope that we could have something like that for the pastors about twice a year. Another one said it was the most stimulating experience he had had for a long time.

"In this morning's mail I have notes from two of the Nebraska men. Oliver Proett, at Cresham, writes 'I am still basking in the light of that spiritual treat, the Faith and Life Seminar, we had at Hastings. It was wonderful.' Joseph Johnston, from Tekamah, writes, 'The Faith-Life Seminar was great experience and I'll go across the state, if need be, to attend any more if you have them'. There isn't any question as to the outstanding value of these Seminars to our pastors."

T. Raymond Allston, D.D., Field Representative C.E. Colorado and
Nebraska Synods.

"I find these seminars one of the most helpful experiences of all the year. This year I was not able to be with the group for the entire time, which I think is a distinct loss. The continuous fellowship in one place has great value. I like your plan to make the seminars inspirational, mentally stimulating, and practical. They are very helpful."

Leslie F. Sweetland, First Presbyterian Church,
Grand Rapids, Nebraska

"It was a pleasure to attend the Faith and Life Seminar at Peoria. The after-glow of the messages proved their value to me. They tend to keep us from getting in undesirable ruts in our separate ministries. The entire session meant much to me."

Kermit W. Petersen, Calvary Presbyn. Church, Peoria, Ills.

Comments

EXCERPTS FROM LETTER WRITTEN MARCH 24, 1941, BY
REV. RANDOLPH E. MCCLUGGAGE, PASTOR
ECKLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH, ECKLEY, COLORADO

"Dawn was breaking in my town as the train carrying the seminar delegation to Denver awakened me on that Thursday morning. Six hours later and 160 miles away, another dawn began to break for me as we began the fellowship and meditation of the seminar, - light beginning to drive away the shadows of loneliness, discouragement, perplexity, that sometimes come upon a pastor, working away from the centers of religion and culture. To hear Dr. Frank again; to see old friends and make new ones; to feel the fellowship of others facing the same problems; to whet the mind against opinions contended for by capable and sincere supporters; to enrich the spiritual life in the company of like-minded men, under faithful guidance; to straighten out thinking on important doctrines; to discuss practical details of the work with expert advisers; to renew faith and feel a new confidence of His Power in my own life ...these things and an atmosphere I cannot analyze contributed to my awakening."

"The seminar did come for me at a time when it was of great help, and I hope you will be able to get out our way again next year. It was a real effort to take the time and money to attend, but worth ten times its cost."

EXCERPTS FROM LETTER WRITTEN MARCH 24, 1941 BY
REV. G. CHRISTIE SWAIN, PASTOR
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GALESBURG, ILLINOIS

"The thing which impressed me was the deep, and sincerely spiritual, messages of the leaders. Their evident earnestness, and their open honesty in presenting their messages was something which I noted. The strong sense of God's presence was also a part of my general impression."

"After sitting with you leaders I felt I had received something for the 'inner man'. It was a definite spiritual 'lift'. I felt 'strengthened by His might'. And, too, my sense of fellowship with the group was strengthened."

THE SHADYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

HUGH THOMSON KERR
DONALD FISHER CAMPBELL

Elgin House Oak
July 7, 1944

My dear Robert,

I am glad something is being done to keep alive the memory & work of George Irving. Such a memoir can convey a real message to the church.

The Faith & Life Seminars began with an idea of mine in which Dr. Harold Mcafir, Robinson co-operated whole heartedly and together we gradually worked it out. The selection of George was largely that of Dr. Robinson. We knew of his struggles in the '40's to keep alive the evangelistic motive, when other interests were moving into first place. We began first with the Seminars held at the noon hour at the Em. Assembly. These Seminars began on a high scholastic level, and were intended to convey to those interested, especially the younger ministers, the results of the best in modern theology etc. For a few years these Seminars maintained a high level, gradually they took on a promotional & inspirational quality and have I think petered out. The

general assembly gradually curtailed them. [Out of this venture grew the Faith & Life Seminars - under the leadership of George. The term Faith & Life was lifted from the title of the little book I edited, called 'Faith & Life' which is a popular exposition of the Statement of Faith.

After Dr. Robinson's illness & death Dr. Mudge was inclined to discontinue the Dept. He was not enthusiastic about Gro. See of his Y.M.C.A. background but Col. Babcock, & I kept the work going, even though at that time the budget was hard to balance.

[The idea which motivated Dr. Robinson and myself, was this - that the best approach to the Church, was through the ministry, that the minister craved, intellectual & spiritual food, & not mere promotion and inspiration & budget-raising. The Seminars were to be refresher courses, Schools of Religion, where men could get first-hand knowledge of what was going on in the theological world.

It has always seemed to me that the Seminars were the best piece of work done by the Board of C.E. They gave the ministry what they wanted, and what they needed. The Dept.

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should in my judgment be greatly enlarged. I do not mean by the addition of new Secretaries, but in its budget; by paying those who take part in the Annivers more adequately, and by consistently & systematically covering the entire Church. Perhaps too the time limit should be extended.

[I have always felt that Eugene Irving was an ideal Director for the movement. He was devout, evangelistic, original, who never wavered for his clearly defined purpose, human, with a kindly gift of humor. There was something of D. R. Moody about him, a sense of discipline and religious reality.] I hope his successor has these same qualities. It would be easy for the Annivers, to become dry-as-dust, May the Lord guide your pen-

With sincere good wishes

Yours as ever
Hugh

Good sense

Sense of humor. wit.

Skills in presiding

Holding things straight

Personal work

Book study

Reading

Chemistry

Hymns.

Like to be busy

Generosity.

Good nature - RR factors in

Daily letter to his wife

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Staying. Colorado.

Helping Payer et al to teach effectively
Skill in travel + ocean grants

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and the eldership of the Church quite generally no one could imagine the power that might be released. Nothing less than a new age might dawn upon us. All were exceedingly grateful to the Board for the precious privilege of participation."

The far-reaching and highly multiplying character of these seminars is further illustrated by a paragraph from a letter received as this report is being written. The writer is a pastor who attended one of the seminars.

"At our midwinter meeting of presbytery and presbyterial I am to review your lectures at the Dubuque conference, then lead a forum on the theme 'Witnessing for Christ'. One of our monthly review sessions plans to discuss 'Evangelism for Our Day'. This is a group of ministers who meet monthly."

A most appreciative letter from a pastor who attended another seminar, written to Professor Piper, who was a leader, says:

"Thank you from my heart. Believe that your trip that day was sight to a blind man, food to a hungry man, and music to a deaf man."

EXCERPT FROM SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD
(April 1, 1939 to March 31, 1940)

Seminars on Faith and Life: The Department of Faith and Life, during the more than two years it has been in existence, has ~~been~~ had opportunity (1) to give direct intellectual and spiritual help to the pastors of the Church, and (2) to conduct what is, in effect a clinic on the state of the Church in respect to its intellectual and spiritual life.

These gatherings which have been exclusively for Presbyterian ministers, have been held, or projected during the church year over widely scattered areas as follows: Dubuque and Stork Lake, Iowa; Synod of Kansas-Emporia; Omaha and North Platte, Nebraska; LeRoy, Granville and Wilmington, Ohio; Synod of Oklahoma-Oklahoma City; Washington, Pennsylvania; Synod of Texas-Fort Worth. The results of these meetings are well epitomized in the following comments of pastors who attended - statements often written weeks after the date of the gathering to which they refer:

"I have read much and heard a lot, but I have always been hungry for something that would give the preacher a feeling of comradeship with his fellow ministers. These three men gave it to us...Is there not a way to have more of them to help preachers to keep their vision and their theological gunsights and barrels aimed in the right direction?"

"I want to add my personal appreciation. New intellectual and spiritual vigor was given to the ministry of those who had the privilege of attending the seminar and I am fully convinced this sphere of work being done by our Board of Christian Education is of the highest importance to our church life."

"These seminars come nearer to dealing vitally with the central problems of our Christian life and work than anything else that is being done at present time. Their combination of intellectual, devotional, and practical is the ideal thing, and the invariable testimony of the ministers who have attended them is evidence that you are working with a wise and fruitful method."--Robert E. Speer

"The seminar was most challenging , inspirational, and helpful in every way. It toned up the faith, deepened the prayer life, and gave new meanings to our great Christian convictions."

"The Faith and Life Seminar held at Wilmington, Ohio, November 10 and 11, meant more to me than I can put into words. The men who attended from our presbytery agree with me that this was a time of inspiration, encouragement, and deepening spiritual life."

While it is very difficult to have a definite report on the clinical aspect of these gatherings, the following are the reasoned opinions of several nationally known leaders, who each attended a number of these gatherings:

EXCERPT FROM SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD
(April 1, 1938 to March 31, 1939)

Seminars on Faith and Life: The Faith and Life Seminars for pastors continue to meet with good response. During the year they have been held in the East, Middle West, and Southwest. The comment of a prominent layman who was present at one of the seminars is illuminating:

"I have just returned from the seminar at Dubuque led by Dr. Irving, in which Dr. Homrighausen and Dr. Turck were the other leaders. I am resolved to write to you concerning this wonderful experience. It was the universal feeling of the men there that it was one of those high times that one may perhaps expect to experience only a few times in the course of one's life.....All agreed that this was a perfect team, each complementing the other in a most remarkable way. I heard the remark on all sides in various forms, that if such inspiration and instruction could be carried to the ministry

"I fully enjoyed the fellowship and the uplift spiritually which I received from the Faith and Life Seminar. Every one who ~~participa~~ participated had much which was vital for us. The men from this area were greatly benefitted."

Rev. James D. Otter, Onalaska, Washington, Mar. 1942

✓ "The seminar was a rich experience for me and the results shall be lasting. It has stimulated my reading. I have already read more since the seminar in January than I read during the time I left the seminary in May last till the seminar."

Rev. D D. Robinson, Kemp, Texas, February 1942

"I was greatly blessed attending the seminar at Guthrie in January. The inspirational addresses were a challenge to me. I left the place quite conscious of the fact that I was not fully availing myself of the resources we have in God's book and the strength and grace that comes to the minister of the gospel through prayer and fellowdhip with God. In my denomination (the Memmonite Church) we don't meet as a body strictly made up of ministers. Consequently we miss the touch and blessing that comes when fellow ministers sit shoulder to shoulder to talk of the King's business. The strength and inspiration that comes through such a seminar as I attended meant a great deal to me, and I hope to have an opportunity to meet with you again." (H.N. Harder, Enid, Oklahoma, 1942)

"I want to thank you for the Faith and Life Seminar. It was a great inspiration to me. I always leave these meetings feeling like 'this is indeed holy ground, for God is here.' I believe that in these seminars the Board is meeting a great need in the church. I want to attend one every year and would go miles to have the privilege. This was my third seminar and I would travel a great distance for more. I get something there which I need so much and am not able to find it anywhere else."

Rev. B.E. Maclean, Sherman, Texas February 1942.

"The seminar at Hastings was just what I needed for aiding my spiritual life. We need this type of seminar ezh year so that as a group and with the leaders of our church we shall be able to see the needs of the hour."

Rev. Harold Gilleney Hansen, Nebraska, Feb. 1942

"I had time yesterday while driving home 100 miles back up near the foot of mt. Adams, to think over some of the great things that we obtained while together in Portland, and I am sure that only Eternity will be able to tell of the great influence it will make on some of the lives and the communities the ministers went back to."

Rev. H.B. Thomas, Trout Lake, Washn., February 1942

"The Seminar program is one of the finest things are church is doing for the ministers and we simply kust have another one next year."

Rev. James Spivey, DenisonmTexas, February 3/42

"This is the second seminar I have had the pleasure of attending. I think it is one of the finest helps the Board of Christian Education has done for the men in the ministry."

Rev. LeRoy Thompson Roswell, N.M. February 1942

"This is the second seminar I have attended, both being very find indeed. I think these seminars are a most wise and timely plan for revitalizing the church and the ministers. Perhaps there is no class of men undergoing a greater grind than the ministers of our land. It takes considerable replenishing of our resources to stand the onslaught broken loose on the world at this time. I feel the seminar was immensely valuable to me in a spiritual way and to all the others who attended. All comments I have heard have been favorable to the idea." Rev. R.L.Houston, Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 15, 1941

"I have been strengthened and inspired through attendance at the Faith and Life Seminars. It has been my privilege to attend two of them. I believe you are being used of God in this effort to deepen and enrich the lives of His servants who work in the ministry. We need these seasons of spiritual refreshing." L.T.Krebs, Sparta, Ills., May 1942

"Some days have passed since we met together in our seminar at Schwenksville. But these days have not been sufficient to take away the inspiration I found there, nor shall many days to come in the future be able to erase from my mind the memory of a most splendid meeting. My hope is that it may be a regular event in the life of our Presbytery. I confess I need it and my guess is that many other ministers feel the same way. Rev. Rogert Enloe, Bethlehem, Penna. May 1942

"The Faith and Life Seminar in Hastings was the best I have ever attended. I sincerely hope we may have another seminar." Rev. Harry Hansen, Holdredge, Neb. April 1942

"The Faith and Life Seminar here was a great success. Let's have another one next year." James R. Hine, Champaign, Ills., March 1942

"In my travels over the country it seems to me your work is one of the greatest needs throughout our church. Certainly if our church is to be stirred out of her lethargy it must be that our ministers shall grasp a new vision and be able to pass it on to their members. With that thought in mind I could pray for great blessings upon you and your very important work." J.Earl Jackman, Bd Home Miss., New York, Dec. 1941.

"I want to express my personal thanks for the Faith and Life Seminar at Champaign. The men were there for a deepening of their own spiritual life. I came away enriched in my soul." Harry Batchlor, D.D., Mattoon, Ills. March 1942

The seminar at McKinley was indeed an inspiration as it attested in a scholarly manner to the great verities that we preach. It made me feel doubly sure that I had something and that come what may that ~~was~~ above all was worth telling men." Horace A. Larsen, Oswego, Ills., March 1942

"I want to express to you my very deepest gratitude for the inspiration and stimulation that came to me as a participant in the seminar at Champaign, Illinois, this week. Certainly this form of meeting is one that might well be used more often in our Presbyterian Church, and in our local churches." Rev. R.Morrison Means, Chenoa, Ills., Mar. 1942

"I want to thank you for the spiritual help that has come to me during the seminar so recently conducted here in our city. I found great blessings in the messages delivered." Rev. C.F.Ensign Colorado Springs, Colo., February 1942

"I want to express my appreciation of the conference conducted by you in Portland. I received a great deal of help and inspiration." Rev. R.T.Smith, Klamath Falls, O.

"I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the seminar at Portland." Rev. Oscar Payne, February 1942

"The Faith and Life Seminar I attended recently at Guthrie was of inestimable benefit to me. I think more of my office and want to live a better and more useful life as a minister of our great, historic church. Words fail me in an endeavor to express the benefits derived from attending the seminar. It was my first but certainly not my last." Kenneth M. Stewart, Tonkawa, Okla., Feb. 1942

"You have been a friend in our (Oregon) need and I cannot tell you what the Portland meetings meant to me." Rev. W.Lee Gray, Portland, Oregon, March 1942

"I have been greatly helped by the Faith and Life Seminar held in Canton last month. I feel this is something the ministers have long needed." ~~Rev. R.W. Nicholson~~ Rev. R.W.Nicholson, Amsterdam, Ohio, Dec. 1941

"May I express to you how much good I received from the Faith and Life Seminar which was held in Portland, Oregon. I think I have never received such a spiritual uplift in such a short time. As I look back over the seminar it seems as though we must have been there for several days." Rev. Carl C. James, Centralia, Washn. 3/42

"I am very happy over the seminar recently held in Portland, and wish to thank our Board for making it possible. It was very helpful and uplifting. I am praying we may have more meetings of such a nature." Rev. P.E Ratsch, Tenino, Washn. 3/4/42

"My twenty-four hours in the seminar were a great blessing to me, for which I now express my thanks. I do not recall any similar inspiration of a like nature and my prayer is that our church may receive a like blessing because of it." Rev. C.E.Barnes, McMinnville, Oregon, February 1942

"It is my honest opinion that the seminar was the most helpful and inspiring meeting I have attended in the Presbyterian Church for many years. We need more of them. All ministers should be urged to attend. It exceeded my expectations." Rev. W.F.Smith, Paducah, Ky., December 1941

"The seminar exceeded my anticipation. I thought it was a shame for it to end so soon but when it was over I had a feeling that it was complete. I made two purposeful resolutions -to keep abreast of my desk work and be more diligent in reading." Samuel C. McKee, Madisonville, Ky., Dec. 1942

"The Faith and Life Seminar was refreshing and inspiring. The Bible periods were exceedingly helpful to me. I am a better and more faithful pastor because I was there. Let's do it again."
 Rev. D.G.Gretzinger, Bloomington, Ills., March 1942

"The seminar at Camp Montobella was the first seminar I have attended. I like to think of it as a kind of re-tuning of my spiritual senses that I might more accurately sound the notes of the Gospel of Christ. I shall be looking forward to another seminar in 1942." John Lampe, Jerseyville, Ills., October 1941.

"We had a grand time at Kimmswick, Missouri. The seminar this year was fully as good as last year with a decided emphasis on the practical side of things of a minister's life and pastoral duties. I felt it was a 'mountain-top experience'." J.L.Connelly, Raymond, Ills. October 1941.

"I think the ministers were quite unanimous in feeling that the conference was very much worthwhile, and that if they were to be held at more frequent intervals it would be to our advantage. From the standpoint of the minister's need of exposing himself to the atmosphere of such a conference, there is no practical danger of their occurring too frequently." Rev. Walter C. Jones, Blissfield, Mich.

"I thought the seminar was most helpful. It is vitally necessary for those of us in the active ministry to get away for a while occasionally and take stock. The fellowship is helpful also. The contributions of inspiration and practical help were ably given and were well balanced. I should say by all means arrange another meeting for this geographical area in the fall of 1942."

Rev. Manson H. Lowe, Paw Paw, Mich.

"I do not see how any one could sit thoughtfully and prayerfully through such a conference and not be enriched in the inner man and be more fruitful in his ministry. The call to more studying of the Bible, and more time to prayer is putting the emphasis where it is needed. I fear that too many of our ministers are so busy - or think we are - that we fail in these two needed and fruitful devotions. I have deepened mine. Please have another seminar next year."

Rev. G.W. Simon, Niles, Mich.

"There have been few experiences which have meant more to me than the Faith and Life Seminar at Chillicothe. May I express my appreciation for the great values received during this conference." Rev. P. McMillen, Kirksville, Mo.

"I have just returned to my pastorate after having attended a seminar at Springfield, Mo. May I have the privilege of conveying hereby my highest appreciation of the work of these scholarly and consecrated Christian leaders. The helpfulness and quality of their messages being the highest, never once dropped for a moment from the beginning to the end of the series. It would be a tragic mistake - if the Board can make this an annual event - not to do so." Rev. H.A. Lynch, Golden City, Mo.

"Last week I attended the Faith and Life Seminar at Chillicothe, Mo. It was the most helpful gathering we have had in these parts for many years."

Rev. D.H. Middents, Hannibal, Mo.

"This note is relative to Faith and Life Seminars at Chillicothe and Springfield. These are the only two I have ever attended, and I have nothing but praise in behalf of the experience afforded the men. To most of our Missouri men this was a totally new experience. The reaction was most gratifying. At both places the men were unanimous that a similar seminar might be held next year. Some were wishing they might be more frequent. You may be sure that anything our office can do to promote such an enterprise will be gladly done."

Rev. Ralph A. Waggoner, Sedalia, Mo.
Executive Secretary, Missouri Synod

"It is my honest conviction that the seminar was one of the most worth while gatherings of ministers I have ever been in. The number present was just about right for a close fellowship and intimate acquaintance. I was impressed with the informal manner in which it was conducted. The words from our leaders were very fine. The messages and discussions were all so helpful and inspirational. The deep spiritual note and the practical suggestiona as well as the fine fellowship were to me some of the high points. I should like a seminar to be held again another year."

Rev. F.E.Hamlin, Aurora, Missouri

"I have just returned from a Faith and Life Sominar which was held at Chillicothe, Missouri. It was a rare privilege for those of us who live far removed from the large cities to enjoy fellowship with these fine leaders. I wish to express to the Board my appreciation for this opportunity, and to express the sincere hope that it will be possible to have many more such occasions."

Rev. Pyron McMillen, Kirksville, Mo.

"The standards of the Seminar were by far the highest and most uniformly sustained throughout, of anything of that nature that I have attended during my twenty years of ministerial work." Rev. H.A.Lynch, Golden City, Mo.

"That was a very worthwhile seminar we had together at Chillicothe, Mo. There ought to be one every year. No minister can afford to miss such a rare treat as this." Rev. John H. Carstens, Kansas City, Mo.

"I think these seminars are very worth while - we should have more of them." Rev. Louis J. Kovar, Webb City, Mo.

"Please accept my sincere appreciation for the help you brought to me personally during the seminar. I received great spiritual uplift. May God bless you in this wonderful work. My one regret is that more in the ministry, in these times of spiritual need, do not appreciate what your seminars have to offer."

Rev. Harry T. Scherer, Webster Groves, Mo.

"The Presbytery of St. Louis, in its stated meeting, November 10^{am} instructed me to write you as follows - 'We recommend that the Presbytery, through its Stated Clerk, officially voice its appreciation to Dr. George Irving, and through him to Dr. Cotton and Dr. Homrighausen, for the deep spiritual benefits of the seminar on Faith and Life'. This was unanimously adopted. I should be happy to express the same sentiment personally and in my own way. The Voice of Presbytery is 'My Master's Voice' and so I give you the message of appreciation just as it was spoken."

Rev. Norman L. Euwer, St. Louis, Mo.

"The seminar was the best I ever attended, and it did not happen to be the first of its nature. It was indeed a refreshing experience. Something we all need at times."

Rev. James Brinks, Hope, N.D.

"I did enjoy the seminar and believe that it was the best meeting I have attended. I sincerely hope that these meetings will be continued each year. As far as I am concerned, I know that it was a great help to me. It was certainly time well spent; for I know that I received great help." Rev. R.L.Colvin, Erie, North Dakota

"The value of the seminar to me came through the very informal and personal fellowship with you three men. I gained something in understanding of my place as a minister of Christ from each one of you. Dr. Speer's presentations were definitely helpful in provoking new ideas and new fields of discovery and more in encouraging me to further and deeper Bible study." Rev. Maurice D. Bone, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

"The seminar I attended at Huron, S.D. did the following - (a) It broadened my conception of the Christian Ministry. I had the rural viewpoint and thought of the church in terms of rural needs. Thanks for the stimulus. (b) Renewed my flagging spirit. I am now re-reading my New Testament in the light of modern problems. Its great to find principles that give an answer to the world's challenge. (c) Contrary to the general conception prevalent among us working on the frontiers, I discovered that the real leaders of the church are spiritually-minded. I always thought my faith was too simple. Dr. Speer showed me that my faith is the faith of the strong."

Rev. Joseph Trovato, Whitewood, S.D.

"In regard to the Faith and Life Seminars my report is most favorable. The one I attended had many values; the devotional part of it was fine; the contact with the leaders and the fellowship, and being away from the daily scenes and grind were invaluable. I realize such a service costs money, but I would like to see it continued."

Rev. M.G.Hanna, Niles, Ohio

"To me the seminar at Zanesville was very valuable in that it partially meets a much felt need - i.e. an opportunity for closer fellowship among our ministers; and also another need in providing a little much-needed opportunity to grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Rev. Henry L. Carr, Middleport, Ohio

"It has been a month since the seminar at Canton, Ohio. I want to express my gratitude for it. During the past month I have thought of it, and its contributions many times. The subjects discussed were of much value to me. Especially did I like Dr. Speer's talks on the homiletical, or pastoral, theology. His talk about the Bible struck home. It is disturbing how many times such messages have to be given. The Bible is "Our Book", yet we ministers neglect it; that is, this one does."

Rev. Wilson M. Stitt, East Liverpool, Ohio

"The refreshing experiences which we had with you and your team at our Faith and Life Seminar meant much to me. I shall long remember the seminar as one of the springs that has furnished water for the soul. We need more of these conferences, and, if we had more of them, many of the problems of the ministry could be met and solved more easily."

Rev. D.King KerrmZanesville, Ohio

"I think the seminar was well worth while, and I cannot help but feel that all who attended were roused to do better things, as I know was the case with me. I am very glad I went." Rev. T. Edwin Redding, Carlisle, Pa.

"This is just a little note of appreciation for the quiet days at Piney Mountain Inn this week. It was a privilege to be there and to see a conference so well organized and kept moving. We appreciated the fine Christian spirit which permeated the entire gathering. Our prayers are in your behalf that this very valuable means of encouraging preachers will be kept going and that you will be given the necessary health and strength and ingenuity to continue the good work." Rev. C. Ralston Smith, Harrisburg, Pa.

"I should like to write expressing my pleasure in attending the Natural Bridge Seminar. It seems to me that the seminar idea is excellent - indeed indispensable. At times like these, our Church Courts are dry and mechanical, pretty nearly useless and at times actually harmful." Rev. Henry M. Edmonds, Birmingham, Alabama.

"When the seminar was over one man said to me, 'That was the best conference I have ever attended in the Presbyterian Church'. I can also add my amen to that for I felt it was worth the cost in money, time and effort. Such meetings are highly worth while. We need more of them to give us new appreciation of the great task that is ours as Christian ministers. I know it is going to mean much to me as my work unfolds before me, and I try to lead others to a deeper understanding of the Christian life." Rev. J. Bonkemeyer, Greeneville, Tenn.

"Allow me to say to you how much I enjoyed the seminar at Natural Bridge, and the privilege of the days together out there. The topics discussed and the addresses were all of a high order and the fellowship very helpful indeed. Am confident every man there would desire a return and a continuing of the seminar next year, as it was voted." Rev. Dayton A. Dobbs, Nashville, Tenn.

"I am profoundly grateful for the privilege of being with you at the seminar held at Natural Bridge. The quietness of the place we met, the reverence and spiritual atmosphere, the splendid fellowship, prepared me better to enter into the Deep Things of God with a great theologian. A greater desire for a more complete consecration of myself to our Master that I might be a better witness for Him, and more effective in the matter of Personal Evangelism. And a determination to put into immediate practice the wise suggestions for promoting and realizing the great objective of the Church." T.B. McPheeters, Selmer, Tenn.

"Personally I felt that the seminar recharged our Spiritual Batteries and set us thinking in new channels in such a way that our ministry will be greatly benefited. I came away greatly refreshed and feel that the presbyteries and synods should do everything to insist that ministers attend these seminars." Rev. W.J. Hazel, Nashville, Tenn.

"I think the seminar at Natural Bridge was a spiritual blessing to the ministers. I think the method used in imparting Truth was very good. This system did create a good bit of thinking about God's Word and Christian work. We did enjoy the fellowship." Rev. J.M. Jones, Waynesboro, Tenn.

Seminars

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FAITH and LIFE

The Board of Christian Education of the
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Seminars on Faith and Life

The Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America has decided to hold, where they will be welcomed, a limited number of Seminars on Faith and Life.

Why the Proposal? These seminars are planned because of the situation which the Christian faith faces in the world to-day, and because of the necessity, in the light of that situation, for a closer fellowship of Presbyterian pastors in every vital relationship. The Ecumenical Conferences held at Oxford and Edinburgh in 1937 made the need for this fellowship crystal-clear. Especially do we need:

1. A deeper understanding of the Christian faith in its relevance to every phase of the situation, both personal and social.

2. A more complete and absolute devotion to the Christian faith as the inspiration and power of personal and social living.

3. A new experience of the meaning of the Christian community for pastors themselves, for the people of their congregations, for the Presbyterian Church as a whole, for the world-wide community of Christians.

The Purpose of these seminars is to provide for Presbyterian pastors those opportunities for fellowship in the understanding and living of the whole Christian gospel, inseparably personal and social, which the times demand, through small seminar groups of from twenty-five to fifty pastors,

meeting for two days in quiet surroundings conducive to conference, meditation, and prayer.

Leadership will be provided by the Board after conference with the local group concerned. The following outstanding educators, among others, it is expected will assist:

John S. Bonnell	Lynn Harold Hough
George A. Buttrick	Hugh T. Kerr
Samuel McRae Cavert	John E. Kuizenga
Henry Sloane Coffin	John A. Mackay
William Hiram Foulkes	Richard Roberts, Toronto, Canada
Elmer G. Homrighausen	W. Taliaferro Thompson
	John S. Whale, Cambridge, England

In addition to one or more of the above it is expected that one or more of the following men on the Board Staff will be present with each group:

John Maxwell Adams
George Irving
John McDowell
Harold McAfee Robinson
Charles J. Turck

Topics proposed for consideration at the seminars include the following:

"The Christian Message for Our Day"
"The Social Implication of the Christian Religion"
"The Relevance of the Christian Church"
"What and How to Preach"
"The Pastor and His Personal Contacts"

While only a limited number of these seminars can be held during the present season, the Board will welcome correspondence from any persons who are keenly interested in planning for such a meeting.

Request for Prayer. Those charged with the responsibility for planning for these seminars covet the most definite cooperation in prayer on the part of all who long to see a deeper and, consequently, more effective spiritual life developed in all our churches.

Let Us Give Thanks

For the earnest and eager spirit in which the suggestion of holding these seminars is being received, and for the willingness of very busy people to give help in them.

Let Us Ask

That the Holy Spirit of God may illumine the minds, direct the wills, and empower the spirits of all who in any way participate in these gatherings.

Correspondence in regard to this matter may be addressed to Rev. George Irving, 920 Wither-
spoon Building, Philadelphia, who is giving general direction to this undertaking.

are in personal trouble, trouble like that of which R. Robertson Nicholl once wrote to the effect that many of the best hearts in the world were broken by the struggle to live respectably. All of them, in various degrees, are in mental anguish about the state of the world and the state of the church in the world, and the relevance of the Christian gospel to the world and to the church. Moreover, all of these King's men are bound in heart to a cause, the supreme cause, the cause of Christ in the world. They might adapt the musketeers' slogan to read, "All for One, and One for all!" They have mountains to move in his name. In their trouble and in their devotion to the cause, they need fellowship. Fellowship in the gospel, I mean: fellowship in the length, and breadth, and depth of the gospel. Of course, we have fellowship as presbyters, but it sometimes happens that our fellowship at meetings of presbytery is more institutional than living. Some of us are so fortunately situated as to have opportunities for fellowship in clerics or ministers' clubs of one sort or another. But they are selective, and do not fully conform to the formula, "All for one, and one for all."

A Plan for Such a Fellowship is Offered

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THE KING'S MEN

By Harold McA. Robinson

Dr. Robinson, General Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, here presents a plan for a series of "Round Table Conferences on Faith and Life" which his Board is proposing to conduct this fall.

The Board of Christian Education has a plan. The other day I picked up from the living-room table a copy of Dumas "Three Musketeers", which one of the boys had been reading. All sorts of memories rushed into my mind. And one memory was a sort of overtone; "One for all, and all for one". What a rollicking comradeship that was, and how perfect of its kind! The King's men against the cardinal's men, and the king's men taking each other's loyalty for granted, asking no questions, rushing to each other's support, trusting each other, and roaring along together, to the tune of "One for all, and all for one".

These were my memories. Perhaps they were only memories of memories, and no true reflection of the comradeship of the king's men. I did not reread "The Three Musketeers" to test the accuracy of my memories. But comradeship is great stuff coming off the loom of our human life. Who does not crave it?

There seem to be two kinds of experience which drive men into close fellowship. The experience of trouble does it. I felt closer to a compleye stranger with whom I crouched among the dwarf spruces on the steep slopes of the northwest basin of Mt. Katahdin than I have felt towards men whom I have known and respected for almost a lifetime. We were resting a minute before dashing up a rampart of huge rocks to reach the plateau --in a howling wind and fog, colder than a siren's sympathies. How would we make out? The real troubles of life--those that have the power to chill the heart and make life dark--drive men together. Also, the experience of common loyalty to a great cause promotes fellowship. It may be only a soldier's loyalty to the king. It may be any greater loyalty. But the exigency of the great cause drives together into fellowship the devotees of the cause. When there is a mountain to be moved those who want to move the mountain combine in a common fellowship of faith, and the mountain has to move.

We have been speaking of The Three Musketeers and d'Artagnan as the king's men, and of their slogan that would wake echoes from the cliffs of the solidest mountain, "One for all and all for one". But there are other warfares than the warfares of the king's men and the cardinal's men in the old French court. There are king's men, and there are King's men. And we are thinking of the King's men who are King's men by a very solemn ordination and sacramental vow--the King's men who are his ministers. And we are thinking particularly of the King's men who belong to the great Presbyterian and Reformed fellowship, and most particularly of the ministers of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, our own inner fellowship of King's men.

These King's men--of whom I am proud to be one--are in trouble. They share the troubles of the world; they have taken upon themselves the yoke of the world's bitterness and woe, in obedience to the command of Christ. Many of them