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The cordial reception afforded THE SEMINARY BULLETIN has been specially evinced by the demand for extra copies by which each edition has been exhausted. The preparation of this Commencement number has been in charge of a committee of students under the general supervision of a committee from the Faculty. A larger edition has been printed. All persons desiring extra copies can secure them, free of cost, by sending addresses to the Registrar of the Seminary, the Rev. Paul Martin, Princeton, N. J.

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The Seminary will open for its ninety-seventh session on Friday, September 18, at 11 a. m. New students will matriculate in the office of the Registrar, in Hodge Hall.

The opening address on Friday morning in Miller Chapel will be delivered by Professor James Oscar Boyd, Ph.D.

New students are requested to reach Princeton on Thursday, and as lectures and recitations will begin on Friday afternoon, it is expected that all students will be present on the day of the opening.

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Shortly after the opening of the Seminary in the Fall, the students will have an opportunity to hear Mr. John R. Mott. This noted missionary lec-

turer has been secured to give an address on Tuesday evening, September 29.

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A series of lectures on "Church Music" is to be delivered by the Rev. John Barbour, D.D., beginning on October 14.

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Excavations have been completed and the foundations finished for the new power plant that will furnish heat and light for the Seminary recitation and dormitory halls. Contracts for the erection of the building, and for the necessary connections in all the rooms, call for the completion of the work by September 1, 1908, so that students returning in the fall will find the dormitories fully equipped with modern conveniences.

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Among a number of minor improvements that have been made during the spring, the most important was the frescoing of Miller Chapel.

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The book-room officers elected by the students for the year 1908-9 are W. E. Weld, Manager, and George A. Leukel, Assistant Manager. Mr. Weld's service during the past year as assistant to J. G. Holdcroft has given him the necessary experience, and his promotion by the choice of the students is a tribute to his efficiency during the year.

Band in one series of meetings. It is hoped that this work of the Association will develop more fully next year.

9. The Deputation Committee sent letters to churches within a radius of fifty miles of Princeton, offering to supply speakers on Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Sunday-School topics, or other subjects of church work. H. A. Gibbons, the chairman, reports that 34 men have been sent out during the year. Independently of this committee, other students have gone out to speak on various topics.

10. The report of the Volunteer Band occurs in another part of this issue under the caption of "*The Missionary Interest*".

The "Cabinet" of the Y. M. C. A. is composed of the chairmen of the above committees, together with the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The latter reports total receipts, apart from Missionary Fund, as \$155.41; expenditures as \$128.83.) The Secretary reports that on successive Tuesday evenings twenty-eight different speakers have addressed the students. Acknowledgement is made of the helpful service thus rendered by those whose names are added: Rev. C. A. R. Janvier; Rev. Charles Stelzle; Rev. C. R. Erdman; Rev. R. K. Rutnam; Mr. Charles R. Towson; Rev. Charles Wood, D.D.; Rev. Thomas M. Chalmers; Rev. J. S. Bannerman; Prof. A. T. Ormond, Ph.D.; Rev. B. B. Fullerton, D.D.; Rev. John Fox, D.D.; Mr. Hans P. Freece; Rev. Joseph W. Cochran, D.D.; Mr. William Phillips Hall; Rev. Arthur T. Pierson, D.D.; Rev. J. Beveridge Lee, D.D.; Rev. J. I. Vance, D.D.; Rev. A. J. Brown, D.D.; Rev. John Timothy Stone; Rev. Frederick W. Loetscher, Ph.D.; Mr.

Mornay Williams; Rev. S. M. Zwemer, D.D.; Rev. J. M. Hubbert, D.D.; Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, D.D.; Mr. R. E. Speer; W. S. Forsythe, M.D.; Rev. Howard M. Frank; Mr. E. M. Robinson.

The Association was represented at the International Y. M. C. A. Convention at Washington by 11 delegates; at the Laymen's Missionary Conference, Philadelphia, by about forty; at the Eastern Theological Seminary Conference, Gettysburg, Pa., by three delegates, two of whom were on the program; at the Volunteer Conference at Easton by four men; and at the Young People's Missionary Conference at Pittsburg by one.

At the annual meeting of the Association the following were elected officers for the coming year: C. H. Schwenke, President; J. C. Taylor, Secretary; E. K. Hardin, Treasurer.

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## The Financial Needs of the Seminary

BY WILLIAM BRENTON GREENE, JR.

That Princeton Seminary has financial needs will be news to most. For more than a generation we have been wont to think, and the church has been encouraged to think, that our Seminary's 'cheeks stood out with fatness'. On the receipt of the large Gelston-Winthrop bequest this judgment was confirmed; and instead of gifts, suggestions have been coming in as to how our superfluous wealth could best be disposed of.

Nevertheless, the facts are, that for many years prior to Mrs. Winthrop's death our endowment, even when increased by the \$100,000 contributed in

memory of Dr. Wm. Henry Green, was inadequate to meet current necessities; that we were kept from debt only by the diligence of Dr. Wm. M. Paxton in raising annually from his friends upwards of \$6000; and that to-day, even after all the enlargement and comfort that have resulted from the Gelston-Winthrop bequest, the wisest planning is required on the part of our able Trustees to provide for the yearly budget, and our beloved Seminary along several lines is still seriously crippled by special needs.

Chief among these are the following:

1. An endowment of at least \$150,000 to increase the Scholarship Fund. This fund, even with the present small attendance, were it not supplemented by the Trustees out of the general funds, would fall short of the necessary demands by \$4000.

2. An endowment of \$150,000 to make and to keep our Library what it ought to be, the greatest and best theological library in the western hemisphere.

3. One hundred thousand dollars to provide the additional building which such a library would require.

4. An endowment of \$20,000 to provide for needy students in the event of sickness or death. The free bed that we can offer in the University Infirmary carries with it neither medical attendance, nor nursing, nor board.

5. Twenty thousand dollars to build and maintain a gymnasium.

6. An endowment of \$50,000 to put the publications of the Seminary on an independent basis, and to allow for the publication by the Seminary of such researches by the Professors and Fel-

lows as are too scholarly to appeal to regular publishing houses.

7. Two thousand dollars for an organ for the Chapel.

8. An endowment of \$25,000 for special lectures, sermons, etc.

It may be asked, Why should the Alumni be made acquainted with these needs? The answer is, To whom else should we go than to our own devoted sons? You will help us if you can, and you can. Your own gifts must be small; but you are many, and the ocean is made up of many drops. Moreover, every pastor can and does control the wealth of others, and thus some pastors in our large city churches control millions of dollars. These pastors are likely to be consulted by their parishioners with regard to the bestowal of their wealth, whether by bequest or by gift. Will you not on such occasions remember our Seminary, your Seminary? Had our alumni for the last fifty years had impressed on them our needs, it is safe to say that a constant succession of gifts, large and small, would cause Princeton Seminary to speak, not of her needs, but of her ever expanding resources.

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### Special Lectures

In the matter of special lectures the past year has been a remarkable one. In a previous issue of THE SEMINARY BULLETIN a complete account was given of the special series of lectures delivered by the Rev. Prof. James Orr, D.D., of the Glasgow College of the United Free Church of Scotland, on "Some of the Greater Movements in Theology and Philosophy in Germany in the Nineteenth Century"; and of the Stone