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PRAYER.

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Almighty and ever blessed God, the God of our fathers, and the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast loved us with an everlasting love, and with loving-kindness hast drawn us unto Thyself, we bless Thee that Thou hast not left Thyself without witness among men, but at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto our fathers by the Prophets, and in these last days hast spoken unto us by the Son, the brightness of Thy glory and the express image of Thy person. We bless Thee that in Him we have the forgiveness of our sins, and the witness of His Spirit with our spirits that we are Thy children, and heirs with Him of Thy kingdom.

We praise Thee for Thy holy Apostles who, receiving at the lips of Thy Son this blessed Gospel, have committed it unto faithful men who should be able to teach others also. We thank Thee for those faithful men who loved not their lives unto death, but braved the perils of the sea and the perils of the wilderness, that they might plant in this free land those institutions which they had found in Thy Holy Word.

Especially do we praise Thee to-day for the founding of this institution, and for Thy servant who was called by the voice of this Synod to preside over its earliest years. We thank Thee for the grace given him to understand Thy Word, for his blameless life and character, and for the good name that he left to those who came after him. We thank Thee that in this city for more than half of the century that we commemorate one of his name and blood was permitted to preach the everlasting Gospel, and for all his spiritual descendants who have borne the impress of his life, and of the truth as he knew and taught it.

We thank Thee for Thy servant to whom it was given to take up his work and re-establish this institution on broad and en-

during lines. We thank Thee for all who have labored and prayed and taught within its walls in the past, and for those who now discharge this sacred trust, and to whom in these ampler days is committed this high responsibility.

We thank Thee for the noble men and women who by their gifts and benefactions have made possible these larger things, and for the vision and foresight that have enabled them to prepare for the greater things that are to come.

We thank Thee for all those who have gone forth from its walls to preach in these and other lands the unsearchable riches of Christ. We bless Thee for the witness they have borne, for the churches and institutions they have founded, for the healing that has come through their ministry to weary souls and broken hearts, and for the vision of the Christ which they have had, and have been permitted to give unto others. We thank Thee that vision is rising in ever larger measure upon a world blinded by sin and darkened by sorrow, and we pray Thee that through that vision Thy Church may arise and shine in all the world until the day dawn and the shadows flee away.

To this consummation now we consecrate ourselves, as we invoke Thy blessing upon this institution for the century to come. Lord of the Harvest, send forth laborers into the fields that are white unto the harvest. Pour forth upon this Seminary and upon all our Seminaries, and upon all universities and schools of learning, the Spirit of Thy grace, that men may be called and prepared to preach Thy Gospel in all the world, that all the ends of the earth may see the salvation of our God, and that the kingdoms of this world may become the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ. And the glory shall be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.—Amen.