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The Centennial

Princeton Theological Seminary announces the completion, with its present session, of the first one hundred years of service to the Church. The Seminary invites her sons to come home suitably to celebrate this One Hundredth Birthday Festival on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, May 5, 6 and 7, 1912. There will be reunions of all the classes from the class of 1862, which celebrates the semicentennial of its graduation, down to the class of 1911 which will have completed its first year of service.

The Centennial Programme, of which it is only possible to give intimations at this early date, will be worthy of the occasion. The Exercises will begin on Sunday, May 5, with an historical sermon by the President of the Seminary to be followed by the administration of the Lord's Supper. The Conference at 4 P. M. will be led by the Rev. John Dixon, D.D. of the Board of Trustees. There will be an evening service at 7.45 at which the President of the Board of Directors, President Ethelbert D. Warfield of Lafayette, will preach.

The Commencement Exercises which are regularly held on Tuesday of Commencement week will be set forward to Monday morning, May 6. In addition to the usual programme for that occasion there will be two special addresses by the Moderators of the General Assemblies of the Northern and Southern Presbyterian Churches which before their division were together concerned in the establishment of the Seminary. Monday afternoon there will be three addresses reminiscent of the history of the Seminary. Alumni of the Seminary who are peculiarly fitted for the function will speak on "Princeton in the Pastorate," "Princeton on the Mission Field," "Princeton in Theological Education and Religious Thought." The day will be closed by a great Alumni Dinner, which will take the

place of the Alumni luncheon which is customarily held at the noon hour Commencement day. This will be followed by the usual speeches under the auspices of the Alumni Association.

On Tuesday morning, May 7, there will be three addresses by speakers invited from abroad for the occasion. At 2.30 P. M. there will be a Commemorative Dinner for all the Alumni and guests of the Seminary. It will be followed by speeches of greeting and congratulation from the representatives of the General Assembly, from the laity of our own Church, and from representatives of our sister Churches and Seminaries, to which the President of the Seminary will respond.

The Seminary desires the presence of her sons to rejoice with her on this extraordinary occasion. She craves their support in the effort which is being made to enlarge her efficiency. She entreats their prayers. The loyalty of the Alumni, their aid in securing a suitable addition to the Seminary's endowment as a Centennial Fund, their unceasing prayers will go far to guarantee a second century of efficient service to the Church which established at Princeton "a new institution consecrated solely to the education of men for the gospel ministry."

A Financial Statement

In view of the effort of the Centennial Committee to increase the endowment of the Seminary the following statement will be of great interest and value.

The income of the permanent funds at the disposal of the Seminary is barely sufficient to meet its current expenses. For the fiscal year May 1, 1910 to April 30, 1911 there was a deficit of \$2,330.00. This fact ought to be more generally known than it is.

The Winthrop legacy came to the Seminary at a crisis in its financial history. The Seminary was dependent for its income on secur-

nings of Germantown, Dr. McEwan, of Pittsburgh, Dr. Findlay, President of the Women's College of Pittsburgh, Dr. Bell of Dubois, Dr. Kerr of Wilkesbarre, and Beattie of Franklin.

The luncheon was greatly enjoyed. The Princeton men had an opportunity of renewing old acquaintance, talking over plans and arranging to meet at the Seminary in May.

ROBERT B. BEATTIE.

Ch. Pennsylvania Synodical Group of Committee of 100.

The Alumni at Long Beach, Calif.

About twenty members of the Synod of California, Alumni of Princeton Theological Seminary, met at a dinner and spent about an hour and a half together discussing the interests of our Alma Mater and the approaching Centennial Celebration.

We had a representative each of the classes of '61, '62, '63, '64, and, with many gaps, down to 1906. One and another and another, especially of the older members, recalled interesting and tender memories of the dear old Seminary; and with gratitude spoke of what she has done for them. We desire, in this way, to send greetings to our Alma Mater to express our undying loyalty to her and to pray for God's richest blessing upon her as she enters upon a new Century of Service. We have also requested Rev. Jas S. McDonald, D.D., who hopes to be in Princeton next Spring to attend the Centennial and to celebrate the semi Centennial of his own graduation, to represent us, and to bear to you our greetings and congratulations.

A hundred years! Glorious indeed has been the history of our Seminary, great has been the service for our King. Going back a hundred years ago, when Archibald Alexander was called to Princeton, even the most enthusiastic and optimistic, but dimly foresaw the great things God had in store for the infant Seminary.

The conflict is on, heroes are needed, and Princeton must furnish her quota. Again we say, "God bless our dear old Seminary, as she enters upon this new century of her great work. May her efforts be grandly crowned. May the glory of the Century to come, far exceed the glory, great as that glory is, of the Century now closing."

Most fraternally and affectionately yours,
 R. W. Cleland
 S. Lawrence Ward
 Jos. S. McDonald
 Lorin A. Handley } Committee.

A Ballade of Princeton Seminary

AT THE OPENING OF ITS ONE HUNDREDTH
SESSION

By the Rev. Benjamin B. Warfield, D.D.

A hundred years have sped them by
 And brought their gifts to land and sea,—
 Wars, peace, emprise, achievements high,
 Delights men scarce had hoped could be,—
 And with it all some vanity:
 Deep, deep, the gulf 'twixt now and then!
 What are these hundred years to thee,
 O Princeton, loved of God and men?

Upon they hill, serene of eye,
 Thou sit'st in calm; and joyously
 Thou call'st the years as by they fly,
 That they may lay upon thy knee
 Tribute from their fecundity:—
 The balance strike 'twixt now and then!
 What are these hundred years to thee,
 O Princeton, loved of God and men?

A hundred years of thinking high,
 Of reverence and of loyalty:
 Of open heart to every cry
 Of human need and misery:
 Each year more true, each year more free,
 Well hast thou wrought 'twixt now and then,
 Much are these hundred years to thee,
 O Princeton, loved of God and men!

ENVOY

Men, mark the years as past they flee,
 And mark their tale 'twixt now and then:
 And mark the waxing ministry
 Of Princeton, loved of God and men!
 Princeton, N. J.
 Sept. 21, 1911.

New Students and Enrollment

The Seminary has had the pleasure of matriculating this session 83 new students. The newly enrolled students are as follows:

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