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Ridder Accepts Presidency

Dr. Piet Installed at WTS

Students, faculty members, board members, and friends of WTS witnessed the installation of Dr. John H. Piet as dosker-Hulswit professor of English Bible and Missions on October 18, 1962. The installation service was held in Hope Reformed Church, Holland, where Dr. Piet is a member. Dr. Elton M. Eeniengen, Acting Academic Dean of the seminary, presided, and dedications were conducted by the Rev. William C. Hillelods, pastor of Hope Church.

Participating in the service were the Rev. Chester A. Postma, President of the Board of Trustees and pastor of the Third Reformed Church of Kalamazoo, who gave the charge to the professor, Dr. Bernard R. Brunsing, President of the General Synod and pastor of First Reformed Church of Holland, and Dr. Marion deVelder, Stated Clerk of the Reformed Church in America. Drs. Brunsing and deVelder conducted the office of installation. The seminary choir, under the direction of John Kleinhke and accompanied by David Snits, provided the music of ministry. Miss Mildred Schuppert, seminary librarian, played the organ.

After being installed in this historic chair of theology, which was established in 1926 and previously held by Dr. Albertus Pieters and Dr. George Mennenga, Dr. Piet presented his inaugural address entitled "The Bible and Mission."

Professor Piet grew up in Grand Rapids as a member of the Eighth Reformed Church of that city. He served for twenty years as a missionary in South India. He was graduated from Hope College and Western Seminary and holds the S.T.M. degree from the Hartford Theological Foundation and the Ph.D. degree from Columbia University, where he studied as a Dodge Missionary Fellow in 1948.

While in South India, Dr. Piet was director of Tract Evangelism and Bible Correspondence in the Madras Diocese. His published works include many tracts and pamphlets written in other languages used in evangelism work throughout the world.

Dr. Piet has served for the past two years as lector in the field of biblical studies at the seminary and was elevated to the post of professorship by the General Synod last June.

The Piets have two sons: John, Jr., who is a senior student at Hope College in Holland, and David, who is a senior student at West Ottawa High School in Holland. A reception was held for the Piet family following the installation service.

The Theolog extends its sincere congratulations to Dr. Piet and his family and we pray God's blessings upon him in his ministry of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Bast Accepts Call

Dr. Henry Bast assumed his duties as pastor of Bethany Reformed Church in Grand Rapids. His duties at the Seminary will terminate at the end of the Spring term.

Dr. Bast is returning to Bethany Church where he served from 1944 to 1956. He is a graduate of Hope College and WTS and has served as pastor of the Richmond Reformed Church in Grand Rapids and as college pastor and professor of Bible at Hope College.

Professor Bast is widely known as the Temple Time minister, a position which he has held since 1952.

The Theolog extends its best wishes to Dr. Bast and prays God's blessings upon him in his new ministry.

Church and World Seminars

Western Seminary and Hope College sponsored a series of six seminars centered on the general subject of "Church and World." The seminars were scheduled for 8:30 p.m. in the WTS Commons on various Sunday evenings from October through April.

Each session was a structured panel discussion on specific subjects, such as "Christianity in the World of Business and Industry," "The Changing American Home," and "The Christian's Involvement in Medical Problems." Included on the panel programs were Hope College and WTS students, professors, and Holland businessmen and doctors.

The Rev. Herman J. Ridder, minister of evangelism for the R. C. A., has accepted the call of the Board of Trustees to become the new president of WTS. Mr. Ridder will succeed the Rev. Harold Englund, who resigned last May to become pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, California, and he will assume his duties in the fall.

After attending public schools near Lansing, Illinois, Mr. Ridder enrolled for a brief period of time in Central College before entering the U.S. Navy in 1943. Upon his release from the Navy in 1946, he enrolled in Hope College. While in college he was editor of the Anchor, the college newspaper. His graduation from WTS was in 1952.

Mr. Ridder served his first parish in Homewood, Illinois, a parish which was organized under his pastorate there. He also served the First Reformed Church of Pella, Iowa. Besides having written many study books in the field of Christian Education, Mr. Ridder is widely known for his introduction of the lay-visit program in the R. C. A., the "Preaching-Teaching-Reaching Mission" in the Department of Evangelism under the auspices of the Board of North American Missions of the R. C. A.

His life-tenure appointment will be determined after the two-year interim requirement for eligibility.

Mr. Ridder, his wife, and three children will reside at 580 Central Avenue, Holland, Michigan.
New Brunswick Fetes Western

One of the most significant occurrences of the Seminary's academic year took place on March 14, 15, and 16 when twelve seminarians went east to New Brunswick for the annual conference with our sister Seminary. The twelve seminarians represented each of the three classes of Western: three seniors, six middlers, and three juniors.

On Thursday morning, March 14, at 3:00 A.M., three cars left Western's campus heading east for the New Brunswick campus where they arrived about 6 o'clock in the evening. The conference began with a dinner at the historic Second Reformed Church of New Brunswick. After the dinner the delegates and seminarians from New Brunswick returned to the chapel at Hertzog Hall, where two of the papers on the subject of the Rediscovery of the Laity were delivered. After the delivery of the papers, and for the next two days, there was a great deal of frank and open discussion and an exchange of views which greatly enriched all who took part in the conference.

One of the most important matters facing the Church of Jesus Christ today is the place of the laity within the workings of that metaphysical body of Jesus Christ. This was approached from three specific areas—which were the subjects of three of the papers (The fourth being a comparison of the three papers): The Biblical View of the Ministry (delivered by a New Brunswick senior), The Traditional View of the Ministry (Western Senior Eugene Klaaren), and The Ministry As It Is Today (Western Middler William J. Burke, Jr.). In all three papers the ministry was conceived of as the work of the whole Church and not just the work of the single ordained minister or clergy. This is, of course, as a result of the Biblical emphasis of both seminaries flowing from the idea of “the priesthood of all believers” and not “the priesthood of each believer” as this is so often erroneously interpreted.

However, the main reason for this conference, as for all previous conferences, was for the purpose of dialogue between our two seminaries rather than just for the discussion of one specific topic. In this respect the conference was an outstanding success. For it is only through dialogue, through confrontation with one another, that we can find out what the other is really like. Old stereotypes of what characterized each seminary were broken down and the delegates came away from the conference with the knowledge that both seminaries, although separated by many seemingly impassable miles, are a part of one denomination—the Reformed Church in America—a part of that true body of Jesus Christ seeking to bring the good news of the Gospel to a needy world.

Interns Seek Experience

The intern program for the year 1963-64 is still in the formative state. Some assignments have been made and others are waiting to be assigned. The following men have been designated to serve for the one year period in these churches:

- Don Boyce at Bethany, Kalamazoo; H. Peter Kuiper at Fifth, Grand Rapids;
- LeRoy Sues at Hope, Los Angeles; Delmar Thiesse at Elmendorf, New York City;
- Larry Grooters at Ebenezer, Morrison, Illinois; and Mark Walvoord at First, Pella, Iowa.

Through this intern program these Middlers will gain valuable experience for their life work in Christ's Kingdom.

Calvin-Western Meetings

On November 27, 1962, students and faculty members of Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan, met with their counterparts at WTS for one of the two annual duo-seminary meetings. Dr. Bastian Kruithof, professor at Hope College, spoke to the group of Reformed and Christian Reformed theologians and aspirants on matters of the minister's reading habits. At the social hour after the meeting the men carried on discussions in small groups.

A similar meeting was held on April 9, 1963, as the groups met at Calvin Seminary's Knollcrest Campus. At this meeting Prof. Lester De Koster, Director of the Library at Calvin, spoke on “Reflections on the Dialectic and the Paradox in Marxism.” A men's quartet from Calvin presented musical selections and refreshments were served. In the afternoon the softball game between the two seminaries was won by WTS by a score of 21 to 3.
Seniors Present Gift to WTS

The WTS chapel was the scene of a special dedication service on April 9 marking the presentation and dedication of the gift of the Class of 1963. In seeking to beautify the chapel and placing emphasis on the chapel as a house of worship the seniors presented a gold cross which was affixed to the dossal.

Participating in the service of dedication was Sherwin Broersma, class president, from Freeport, Illinois, and John Padgett of Grandville, Michigan. Miss Mildred Schuppert, seminarian librarian, played the organ.

Members of the student body and faculty participated in the litany of dedication. Mr. Broersma made the presentation of the gift and Mr. Henry Kleinheksel, business manager of the seminary, accepted the gift and offered the dedicatory prayer at the close of the service.

Robert J. DeYoung of Muskegon, Michigan, served as the senior class chairman of the project. He was assisted by Howard Kammeraad, of the architectural firm of Kammeraad and Stroop, and by Dr. Donald J. Bruggink, author of the forthcoming book, "Christ and Architecture."

It is hoped that this gift will be of lasting enrichment for the future students of WTS.

Seminaries Exchange Professors

Continuing the practice of the exchange lecture series both New Brunswick and Western Seminaries were privileged to hear a professor from the other seminary. This year Dr. Justin Vander Kolk, President of New Brunswick Seminary, and Dr. Lester J. Kuyper, Professor of Old Testament at WTS, were the exchange lecturers.


Northwestern Choir Sings

The Northwestern College Choir was entertained at the coffee hour on WTS on March 28. Immediately before the coffee hour the choir participated in the regular morning chapel service by leading the student body in a service of worship in song. The choir was in the Western Michigan area singing in various churches in Holland, Grand Rapids, Zeeland, Muskegon, and Kalamazoo. The choir also sang at Hope College's chapel service.

Western Provides Facilities

In keeping with the idea of WTS serving the church at large, the Seminary offered its facilities to organizations for their use.

The Holland Classis held its annual Leadership Training School at WTS for a six-week period in January and February. Each Monday evening many people from the area came to the campus for study and discussion.

Throughout the year the facilities of WTS were used by the R. C. A. for many meetings of General Synod Commissions and Committees.

The campus was used on the first weekend in April for the Inter-Seminary Spring Conference. The facilities of the Seminary were very convenient on this occasion.

On May 18, the Seminary Commons will be the scene on an art exhibit. Mr. Lemuel Patole, a Hope College student from India, will present a one-man show.
Lectures Presented at Seminary

The lecture committee of WTS was very pleased to present the following special lecture series at the seminary since last fall:

**Dr. Oleg Grabar at WTS**

A special lecture was given in the student commons at WTS by Dr. Oleg Grabar on November 1, 1962. Dr. Grabar is professor of New Eastern art and Near Eastern studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and presented the topic "The Temple Area in Jerusalem from Present to Past" using slides to illustrate his subject.

Dr. Grabar holds the A.B. magna cum laude from Harvard University and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Princeton University. He is a Fellow in the American School of Oriental Research at Jerusalem, Jordan, having been the director of the school in 1960-61. He has worked in many archeological expeditions and study trips.

**Noted Dutch Theologian**

Professor Hendrikus Berghof of the University of Leyden, the Netherlands, gave a series of lectures at WTS centering on the subject of the Heidelberg Catechism on January 3, 4, and 5. The first lecture dealt with the background and history of the Catechism; the second and third lectures pertained to the questions and answers of the Catechism itself.

Dr. Berghof has served the church in the Netherlands for a number of years as a pastor, as first principal of the Theological Seminary in Driebergen, the Netherlands, and as Professor of Dogmatics and Biblical Theology at the University of Leyden. He also served as a member of the central committee of the World Council of Churches since 1954.

**Calvin Professor Visits**


After receiving his education at Calvin College and Seminary Dr. Van Elderen earned his M.A. degree from the University of California and the Th.D. degree from the Pacific School of Religion in 1961. He lectured at the Near East School of Archaeology in Jerusalem, Jordan from March to August in 1962. He was also a member of the Wheaton Archaeology Expedition during that time.

**Rabbi Frankel Speaks**

The student commons of WTS was the setting for a lecture by Rabbi Phillip Frankel of the Temple Shanrey Zedek in Lansing, Michigan. On March 7 Rabbi Frankel presented his lecture entitled "Judaism and the Religious Revival" to students, faculty members, and guests.

Rabbi Frankel was graduated from the University of Cincinnati and was ordained at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, having received the M.H.L. Degree. Before coming to Lansing he served congregations in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Rabbi Frankel is a member of the Department of Religion at Michigan State University in Lansing.

**Dr. Oudersluys Lectures**

A special lecture entitled "Eschatology and the Church" was presented by Dr. Richard C. Oudersluys in the Seminary Chapel on March 14. Dr. Oudersluys is professor of New Testament Language and Literature at WTS and prepared his lecture considering some of his recent studies in this field at the University of Basel, Switzerland.

Professor Oudersluys is a graduate of Calvin College and Western Seminary and has done graduate work at the University of Chicago Divinity School. In 1961-62 he completed graduate studies at the University of Basel in connection with his Sabbatical leave of absence.

**"Four Offices" is topic**

Dr. Elton M. Eenigenburg, professor of Historical Theology at WTS presented a special lecture in the Chapel on April 11. In his address entitled "The Christological Basis of the 'Four Offices' in the Reformed Tradition" Professor Eenigenburg reviewed the biblical origins and functions of the four offices as expressed in the churches holding the Reformed order.

After completion of work at Rutgers University and Western Seminary Dr. Eenigenburg earned the Th.M. degree from Princeton Seminary and the Ph.D. degree from Columbia University. Besides serving churches in New Jersey and Chicago and serving on various Boards and Commissions of the Reformed Church he is the editor of the Reformed Review.

**Christian Educator**


After graduating from Agnes Scott College Dr. Henderlite was granted the M.A. degree in Religious Education by New York University and Biblical Seminary. She holds the Ph.D. degree in Christian Ethics from Yale University and the L.H.D. degree from Queens College in Charlotte, North Carolina. Dr. Henderlite is the author of five books, including "Forgiveness and Hope" published in 1961.

**Adelphia Stresses Active Participation**

Any of the WTS men who are fathers as well as students are fully aware of what happened almost every Monday night this year at the Seminary. Each one of these men harbor the potential of becoming a professional baby-sitter because Monday night was Mom's night out. All the married men at WTS are acquainted with the fact that Monday night is Ladies' Night at the Seminary: it is the evening of the weekly meeting of the Adelphia Society.

These aspiring "mevrouwen" met for Cottage Prayer Meetings and lectures on some occasions. During the second quarter forty-five of the Adelphia members attended the Leadership Training School. Just as their husbands learned from day-to-day the women had times of study because special classes were also held on Saturday mornings during the first and third quarters.

The Adelphia members toured Pine Rest Christian Hospital one evening and the Temple Beth-el one Friday evening the third quarter. A project occupied their ambitious moments just before Christmas. Members donated games, puzzles, mittens, crayons, books, clothes, toys, and towels to the Children's Retreat at the Pine Rest Hospital. Many of these items were hand-made by the women.

Adelphia provided activities for the entire Seminary family, also. In the fall there was the Adelphia-Adelphic Picnic held in Tunnel Park. Just before Christmas vacation there was the Annual All-Seminary Christmas Program which was planned by the members. They also planned a Potluck dinner for the entire student body; and a Come-as-you-are Party highlighted their season of activities. Also this year they visited with the Calvin Dames, their counterpart at Calvin Seminary.
Choir Completes Successful Tour

Thirty-seven weary students wended their way back to Holland and to WTS in particular on March 5 (or rather early in the morning of March 6). These weather-beaten and sleepy travelers were members of the WTS Men's Choir returning from an extended tour through the Midwest, New York and Canada.

Each year this volunteer group prepares a service of worship in song to inspire congregations with music and words of the faith. To recapture the spirit of congregational singing the choir invited the congregations to join in the singing of two great hymns of the Church—"A Mighty Fortress" and "All Creatures of Our God and King." Other anthems on the program were "Make a Joyful Sound" (Psalm 100), "Come Thou Holy Spirit," "Jesus, Priceless Treasure," "Pilgrim's Chorus" (from Tannhauser), "Cherubic Hymn," "Hear My Prayer," "Sing Praises," "Let Us Break Bread Together," "He That Dwelleth" (Psalm 91), and "Beneath the Cross of Jesus."

The choir was under the able direction of John Kleinhansel, Class of 1963. David Smits, Class of 1964, was the accompanist. Robert DeYoung, Class of 1963, and Ron Sikkema, Class of 1965, were soloists.

Included in the itinerary were the following churches: Roseland, First, Chicago, Illinois; Christian Park, Indianapolis, Indiana; Parkview, Cleveland, Ohio; Reformed Church, Pultneyville, New York; First, Rochester, New York; Reformed Church, Guelph, Ontario, Canada; Good Shepherd, Wayne, Michigan; First, Holland, Michigan; and Unity, Muskegon, Michigan.

This year the choir had the rare privilege of appearing on television. The men were invited to provide a ministry of music on March 31 in connection with the "Sunshine Hospital Hour" series on Woodland Chapel, WOOD-TV, Grand Rapids. The choir will also appear at the annual commencement in Dinken Memorial Chapel, on May 22.

Members of the choir, the officers, and the director all wish to thank the congregations for their response to the choir's worship services. The choir members were pleased to present these services to the congregations and were happy that God's name was praised through song.

Scholarship Gift

Western Seminary was a recipient of a $500 student scholarship gift recently from the Sunday School of the Forest Grove Reformed Church of Hudsonville, Michigan. Mr. Robert Vande Bunte, superintendent of the Sunday School, and Dr. Jacob Prime, pastor of the church presented the check personally to Dean Henry J. Ten Clay and Henry Kleinhansel. The scholarship has been granted to a junior student of WTS to help with the expenses of his theological training.

Seminar Discussion on Faiths

Dr. John H. Piet, professor of English Bible and Missions, participated in a three-day series of seminars at the Missionary Orientation Center in Stony Point, New York recently.

After men from the Muslim, Buddhist, and Hindu religions gave the presentations of their faiths Dr. Piet represented the Christian religion by giving the theological and historical perspectives of Christianity in relation to other religions. The Orientation Center is a cooperative enterprise of seven Protestant denominations, including the Reformed Church, for the purpose of training missionary candidates.
Growing Interest in Biology

While observing the activities of the students and faculty members of WTS one may get the impression that we are striving for an education in the field of biology. Two incidents bring this to mind:

A tame raccoon ventured into the vicinity of WTS and immediately became the recipient of a shower of attention from the students. Whether or not he was seeking a theological education or any practical help did not deter the students’ wanting to enroll him full-time. Dean Ten Clay denied admission to the animal.

To those who are acquainted with architectural details of the Beardslee Library acquaintance with Milly’s “garden” is a thing to be remembered. How often has this “garden” not been the idyllic setting for an afternoon repose, called a quick “snooze.” Great interest has been created in the past few weeks by Milly’s experimentation with rubber plants. In order to prevent two rubber plants from dominating the library scene, Miss Schuppert created new roots along the stalk of the plant. She then cut off the tops and replanted the tops in the ground. For full details of the “rerooting” process contact Miss Schuppert. To quote Milly: “At Western Seminary you need a green thumb in order to be the librarian.”

New Faculty Appointments

In February the Board of Trustees of the Seminary met in a special session to vote on a newly-created Chair of Christian Ethics and Philosophy of Religion. The Rev. Elton M. Eenigenburg, Ph.D., was appointed to the newly created chair. Dr. Eenigenburg has been a member of the faculty since 1952 and has been Acting Academic Dean since July, 1962. Dr. Eenigenburg has occupied the chair of Professor of Church History and Historical Theology.

To fill the vacated chair the board has appointed the Rev. Donald J. Bruggink, Ph.D., to a one-year term as assistant professor in this department. Dr. Bruggink is presently serving as a sabbatical replacement for Dr. M. Eugene Oosterhavsn, professor of Systematic Theology. The Board of Trustees is expected to appoint a replacement for the Rev. Henry Bast, D.D., professor of Homiletics, whose chair will be vacated in June of this year. Dr. Bast already has assumed his duties as pastor of the Bethany Reformed Church in Grand Rapids.

Library Adds Books and Equipment

In keeping with the pace of the theological world in general and with the needs of WTS, Beardslee Library has added many new volumes to its collection and new equipment to the plant.

The library has benefited greatly from the expansion program which is made available through contributions from the ATLA Library Development Fund and from Mr. Peter Cook of Grand Rapids. Hundreds of new and used books have been purchased and are being added to the library shelves. Since the addition of the new department at WTS, Beardslee Library has given attention to the development of those portions of the library which pertain to ethics and philosophy of religion. Many of the new volumes have been concentrated in these areas. Students have been working under the direction of Miss Schuppert to make room for the new volumes.

Additions have also been made in the tape collection. As visiting lecturers speak to the students tape recordings are made and stored in the library.

Several years ago a microfilm reader was purchased for the library plant. This year a storage cabinet has been acquired to accommodate new microfilms which are being added to the library’s collection. The microfilms and the reader have proved to be very valuable in doing research in areas of study in which manuscripts and documents would be otherwise impossible to procure.

Students Have Varied Activities

Each year the students of Western Seminary pay an activity fee which is used for certain social functions at the Seminary. These activities as well as others not only attempt to round out the student’s life for his three years at Western, but also foster an atmosphere wherein the students are better enabled to get to know each other, and the faculty, on a more personal level.

At the beginning of each year the student body and their wives or fiancées are guests of the faculty and administration for a social evening in the Seminary Commons. This year the program included a French horn solo by Junior student David Waanders and an interesting presentation from Dr. Oudersluys who had just returned from his sabbatical leave in Basel, Switzerland. The evening was completed with refreshments and informal discussion.

Twice a year, in the fall and the spring, there is a picnic sponsored by the Adelphi Society of the Seminary. After some strenuous exercise on the sports field, involving both students and faculty, there is a picnic supper. This year, for the first time, the wives and fiancées were invited which proved to be a great success and will probably be continued in the future.

The next major social event of the year is the stag banquet. However, with the addition of Mrs. Lubbers to the faculty and the expanding Master’s Program in the field of Christian Education the nature of the “stag” banquet may very well be in need of revision. After a fine meal at Van Raalte’s Restaurant in Zeeland there was a time for group singing followed by some very well thought-out, and quite hilarious, skits presented by the Junior, Middler, and Senior classes as well as the faculty.

Throughout the academic year there is a vigorous program of intramural sports, this year under the direction of Middler Frederick Kruithof. There were competitive (and sometimes quite rough) basketball, football, and softball games. There was also a ping-pong tournament and many masterful chess games.

As a result of a feeling among the single students in Zwemer Hall concerning the lack of rapport between faculty and all students, the men of Zwemer have been inviting the various members of the faculty and administration over to the dormitory for informal discussions and coffee. This has proved to be very rewarding and the plan is to continue this in the future.
**Council Activities at WTS**

Claiming a successful year the 1962-63 Student-Faculty Council of WTS terminated its activities this Spring. Many achievements through the activities of the Council bear recognition.

A stride was taken in the area of Social Action. The Council formed a Social Action Committee patterned to some extent after the Social Action Commission of the E. C. A. This committee was designed to study Social Problems and to make recommendations.

Another noteworthy achievement was in the form of a letter to the Board of Trustees. The purpose of this letter was to make recommendations to the Board in matters of curriculum and policy.

In order to better acquaint all of the students with the Council's activities, the Council mimeographed the minutes of its biweekly meetings for distribution to students.

This year the Council, after being invited, joined the People-to-People University Program. The program is dedicated to the task of promoting international understanding in the interest of world peace. Since the Council has joined in this venture WTS will, in the future, share in a student exchange program in which foreign students will be guests at the Seminary and WTS students will be guests in foreign countries. Some of the exchanges will be for definite study purposes; other exchanges will be purely for travel purposes. Western Seminary is the second institution of higher education in the State of Michigan to be invited to join this program.

Officers this year were: John Nordstrom, President; Luther Ratmeyer, Secretary; Norman Kansfield, Treasurer. At a meeting of the entire student body this spring Luther Ratmeyer was elected President for the coming year. Other members of the Cabinet will be elected next fall.

**New Custodian Hired**

Mr. John Lam has been hired as custodian to replace Mr. Bert Wierenga, who is retiring as custodian at WTS. At a morning coffee hour Mr. Wierenga was the guest of the student body and was recognized for his 15 years of loyal work at the school. Mr. Lam has undertaken his work since April 1.

John, as he is known to all the students, is a native of Holland. For the past 10 years he has been a part-time custodian at the Maplewood Reformed Church, of which he is a member. Besides his duties at the church he did precision gauge work at the H. E. Morse Company in Holland. Mr. Lam is married and is the father of four children. His interest in WTS and the ministry is evidenced in the fact that one of his daughters is the wife of the Rev. Thurm an Rynbrandt and his brother is the pastor of the Reformed Church in the Virgin Islands. To those alums who are hunting-enthusiasts Mr. Lam is a 15-year veteran with the bow and arrow and has two deer to his credit. John keeps his other leisure moments occupied with an 80-acre Christmas tree plantation which he owns and operates.
Bookstore Changes Hands

With the graduation of Senior student John Nordstrom the management of the bookstore has been turned over to Junior students Gordon Dragt and Norman Kansfield.

The seminary bookstore is the Western branch of the “Half-Moon Press” and is operated for the use of the students at Western and the ministers of the denomination. This was reflected in an interview with Norman Kansfield, who said that the bookstore is “a service to the denomination; for an educated ministry always benefits the Church.”

Any book can be ordered through the bookstore, be it secular or theological, and Kansfield, the assistant manager, urges the ministers of the denomination to make use of this opportunity.

The bookstore has at present approximately 400 titles ranging in price from 35 cents (The Confessions of St. Augustine) to around $25.00 a volume like the (Lexicon in Veteris Testamenti). Due to the climate of the theological world the Bookstore will be stressing titles in the field of biblical studies and, in particular, Old Testament studies.

Subject to the approval of the board the Bookstore may be moved to a different location which will provide the Bookstore with five times its present display area and the possibility of a browsing room.

† L. to R.—Gordon Dragt and John Nordstrom
Seminary Hosts Conference

Western Seminary was host to the 1963 Spring Conference of the Midwest Region of the Interseminary Movement, April 4-6. Approximately 160 students from 11 seminaries attended the three-day conference. Among the seminaries represented were students from various denominations—Baptists, Christian Reformed, Episcopal, Mennonite, Methodist, Presbyterian, Reformed, Evangelical United Brethren.

The Theme of the conference centered on "The Ministry of the Laity" with addresses by Dr. Leonard Trinterud who spoke on "The Biblical Basis for the Ministry of the Laity" and by the Rev. Donald Warren who spoke on "The Ministry of the Laity in Practice." Dr. Trinterud is professor of Church History at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago and the Rev. Mr. Warren is a member of the staff at the Ecumenical Institute in Chicago.

Lectures were followed by student critiques by Randy Penimore of Bethany Biblical Seminary of Chicago and by Jim Sinclair of McCormick Seminary. Discussion groups and coffee hours highlighted the conference.

Gary Looman, senior at WTS and president of the Midwest Region, served as chairman of the local event. Other local students assisting Gary were Ervin Roorda, Charles Stickley, John Padgett, and Harold Rust. These students handled matters of housing, transportation, and registration.

Saturday morning's business meeting dealt with matters of the new budget and election of officers for the coming year. Following the meeting was the installation of new officers. The conference was closed on Saturday morning.

Next year's conference will be held on the new campus of Bethany Biblical Seminary near Chicago, Illinois.
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