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Fall Convocation Conference Begins Academic Year

Chapel Named After Mulder

The annual Fall Convocation Conference of Western Seminary was held on September 17 and 18 of this year.

In a formal and moving convocation service held at the Seminary chapel, this worship center of the school was named the John R. Mulder Memorial Chapel in memory of Western's former professor and president who passed away on July 4, 1964.

In accordance with action taken at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary in May of this year, President Ridder named the chapel in honor of Dr. John R. Mulder. Mrs. John R. Mulder was present for the naming ceremony.

The first in a series of three lectures was given by Dr. William B. Kennedy, Associate Professor of Christian Education at the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. A member of the Covenant Life Curriculum Committee from its inception, Dr. Kennedy spoke on the subject "The Crisis in American Church Education Today."

An informal tea was held in the seminary commons at the conclusion of this convocation session.

For the Friday lectures, the students and faculty of the seminary joined with guest ministers from the midwestern area in sessions held at the chapel at Camp Geneva on Lake Michigan. The subject of Dr. Kennedy's morning address was "The Covenant Life Curriculum: The Shift in the Goal of Christian Education." Following this stimulating lecture, the audience was divided into discussion groups led by faculty members where the concepts proposed in the previous lectures were reviewed and discussed.

Following the traditional noon meal served by the Camp Geneva staff, the afternoon session was called to order at 2 o'clock. The subject of Dr. Kennedy's afternoon lecture was "The Covenant Life Curriculum: The Shift in the Strategy and Content of Christian Education."

The program concluded after the lecture was given.

Dr. Kennedy graduated from Wofford College, and holds the M.A. degree from Duke University; the B.D. from Union Seminary in Virginia; and the Ph.D. from Yale University in 1957. He was ordained into the Southern Presbyterian Church in 1954 and served as Associate Pastor at the First Congregational Church of Westhaven, Conn. Dr. Kennedy has taught at Spartanburg High School, South Carolina, also as Assistant Professor of History at Emory University in Oxford, Georgia, and as Associate Professor of Christian Education and more recently as Associate Professor of Christian Education at Union Theological Seminary at Richmond. Theolog readers who have studied the Covenant Life Curriculum material will recognize Dr. Kennedy as the author of the two volumes entitled "Into Covenant Life" and those who use the teacher's manual are grateful for this helpful and inspiring material in the accompanying teacher's training book. Other special lectures planned for the academic year will be found elsewhere in the pages of this issue of the Theolog.

Moody Comes To Western

Continuing a tradition of foreign student enrollment at the seminary, Mr. and Mrs. Moody Yap with their children, 7 year old Daniel and 5 year old Esther, arrived in Holland from Manila, The Philippines in late July to enroll at Western for a three year course of study to prepare for the gospel ministry.

Dr. Tena Holkeboer of Grand Rapids, veteran Reformed Church missionary to the Amoy Chinese, arranged for the family's coming to the United States. Both Mr. Yap's mother and his wife were former pupils of Dr. Holkeboer.

Mr. Yap is a graduate of Baguio College in Manila where he served as pastor of the Chinese congregation of the United Church of Christ meeting at Baguio Chapel during his years of training at the college. In this capacity, his close friend and associate was the Reverend Wesley Shao, a Western graduate of the class of 1952 who is now serving the large Chinese United Evangelical Church in Manila.

The Trinity Reformed Church of Holland, which sponsored Dr. Tena Holkeboer throughout her years as a missionary of the Reformed Church, has adopted the Yap family while they are living in Holland and while Mr. Yap is a student at Western. The seminary is granting a full scholarship for all tuition and fees for the course of study.

Mr. Yap is especially interested in working with young people in his future ministry, inasmuch as he served as an advisor of the Student Christian Movement while he was studying at Baguio College in Manila.

The Yap family is at home at 69 E. 14th Street in Holland.

Enrollment Reported For New Academic Year

Registrar and Dean of Students Dr. Henry J. Ten Clay has released enrollment data for this issue of THE THEOLOG.

Returning to campus will be thirty-five seniors, thirty middlers, and twenty-two new juniors. The total enrollment for full time B.D. students this coming year is eighty-seven, of whom 70% are married.

In addition, there are four candidates for the M.C.E. degree, and fifteen candidates for the Th.M. degree, five interns out for a full year of off-campus specialized training and two special students. These twenty-six added to the eighty-seven B.D. students gives a grand total of one hundred thirteen students enrolled at Western Seminary for the coming year.

MOODY AND SANKEY TEAMED AGAIN!

Western is in the unique position of being able to send out into the churches a team of Moody and Sankey. With the arrival of Mr. Moody Yap from Hong Kong and Manila, and with the return of Mr. Leroy Sankey into the middle class, the modern-day Moody and Sankey team is ready to go. Because of his unusual singing voice, Western's team may use Moody as a singer and Sankey as the preacher.

New trends revealed by this enrollment data are significant. The new junior class reverses a long trend in that only 46% of its students are married. This is in sharp contrast to last year's class, which was predominately one of married students, a number of whom had come into the seminary from other vocations.

Another significant trend in enrollment is the reduction in total number of students at Western. After a series of years of increases, this year's attendance, at least at the time of putting THE THEOLOG to press, is reduced from the high totals of previous years. Last year's third quarter B.D. enrollment was ninety-nine compared with a tentative ninety for this coming year. Added to that ninety-nine were sixteen in various categories for a total enrollment of one hundred fifteen as compared with the one hundred nine total for this year.

Although a slow drift toward reduced enrollments has been reported by other denominational bodies, this is the first year that the trend has affected Western Seminary.
Caravan Program
Hosted by Western

In a significant first, Western Seminary hosted the Caravan Training program of the Department of Young People’s Work, R.C.A. conducted by Reformed Church personnel. This was a departure from former years when this work was done in cooperation with the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. at Muskingum College.

Housed at Zwemer Hall and using the classrooms, chapel and commons of the seminary building, thirty-nine caravanners and a staff of six leaders held the training school from June 24 to July 3. Following the dispersion of ten caravan teams throughout the country, the entire group reconvened at the seminary on August 1 and 2 for reporting sessions and a final round-up of this year’s program. Under the direction of the Rev. Delbert Vander Haar assisted by the Rev. Harold De Roo, both associated with the Department of Young People’s Work, R.C.A., this year’s caravanners underwent unforgettable experiences in their assignments, which will be more fully reported in other publications.

Graduates of Western who were caravanners during their college days will remember the thrill it was for them to experience this activity. This year’s group also reported thrilling and unusual experiences, and gave heartwarming testimonies to the power of the gospel as they witnessed it personally during their weeks of assigned duties. President and Mrs. Ridder of Western met with the group at dinner on August 1 to convey the greetings of the seminary.

Local Pastors Assist in Field Education Seminars

The Reverend Bernard Brünsting and the Reverend Russell Vande Bunte will assist during the first quarter of the school year in a seminar program designed to help students evaluate the experiences of their summer field assignment.

During the past summer Western Seminary has endeavored to expose students to a variety of ministries through the placing of students in the following areas: five students served in national park and camp work; four students were engaged in clinical pastoral training; five students served under the Board of North American Missions; four students were involved in the inner city; five in church extension work; three on the Canadian field; twelve in rural and small town churches, and ten in the work of the suburban church. The field education program for the past summer was under the direction of Mrs. Elaine E. Lubbers. The program during the year and the coming summer will be carried on by Mrs. Lubbers until Rev. Robert Nykamp assumes his duties as director of field education. President Ridder will carry responsibilities for the intern program during the current school year.

Students on the field this summer were asked to fill out two evaluative reports in regard to their summer experience. In addition, reports were received from two laymen in the areas of preaching, pastoral care, education and administration. The supervising pastor and a member of the consistory were also asked to make reports on the students. These reports will be used in the seminars for discussion and guidance.

Each student will attend three seminars during the first quarter. Dr. Brownson along with Dr. Brünsting and Mr. Vande Bunte will explore the areas of preaching and counseling. Mrs. Lubbers will assist in the area of Christian Education and Administration. An attempt will be made to evaluate the relationship of what a student has been taught in the classroom with how he actually performed on the field. In addition the seminars are designed to help the faculty discover ways in which they may better equip the students for their work. They will also help the student discover his own areas of weakness and need for further training in the year ahead. The involvement of local pastors in the seminars is an added incentive to keep the theory of the classroom in line with the way things really are in the local congregation.

The trend in seminary education is to move away from the concept of field work toward an emphasis on field education. The primary emphasis is on the education of the student rather than on the service to the church. While the church may be served by the presence of the student in training, the focus of concern is that the church sees herself as providing an educational opportunity for the training of ministers. Just as a doctor is best trained by clinical training under a supervisory staff, so there is merit in the field education of ministers. Western is eager to have churches join her in the urgent task of training ministers for the service of Christ.

Parking Lot Enlarged

The increased need for auto parking at Western has been alleviated by preparing additional parking lot space fronting on 13th Street just west of the main seminary building. The large white house formerly known as the Meengs mission house was torn down last year and the space thus freed has been turned into a parking lot for the use of seminary faculty, staff and Zwemer Hall residents. The trend toward off-street parking has affected the seminary as well as other organizations, necessitating this new facility.
Williams, Stringfellow Lecture at Western

On October 4 and 5 Dr. Colin Williams, Executive Director of the Central Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches, will lecture at Western. Dr. Williams will be speaking on the “Secular Relevance of the Gospel,” Author of WHERE IN THE WORLD, and most recently, WHAT IN THE WORLD, study books produced by the National Council Department of Evangelism, Dr. Williams has become known as a leading figure in the movement to involve the church in the identification of itself with the problems of the world.

Dr. Williams' first lecture will be given at 9 o'clock p.m. Sunday evening. This is designed so as to include laymen of the church who might be interested to hear Dr. Williams but cannot appear at the normal lecture times. He will give his second and third lectures on Monday, October 5 at 4 p.m. and 7 o'clock in the evening.

Born in 1921 in Victoria, Australia, Dr. Williams is the son of a Methodist circuit rider. He attended Wesley College and Melbourne University, and after graduation taught history two years at Melbourne University. From 1947 to 1950, Dr. Williams studied at Drew Theological Seminary from which he received his B.D. degree. In 1951 he returned to Australia to go into the service of the Methodist Church in Melbourne. For two years he worked with Dr. Alan Walker in the Australian Mission to the Nation, addressing audiences and meetings and speaking to the radio.

Dr. Williams returned to the United States in 1954 to study for his Ph.D. degree at Drew Theological Seminary.

Since assuming his office as Executive Director of the Central Department of Evangelism, Dr. Williams has been much in demand as a speaker at theological seminars, church assemblies, evangelistic meetings, and college conferences in the United States, Australia and other countries.

On Tuesday, October 6, arrangements are being made to invite William Stringfellow to the campus. Stringfellow, the man who most impressed Karl Barth in his trip to America, has become well known as a leading churchman. His book, “A Private and Public Faith,” published in 1962 has been widely reviewed and acclaimed. A lawyer, member of the Episcopal Church, and intensely interested in the mission of the church, Mr. Stringfellow will be speaking at a morning lecture.

Dean Eenigenburg Begins Sabbatical

Dr. Elton M. Eenigenburg, Professor of Christian Ethics and Philosophy of Religion and Academic Dean at Western, has embarked upon a one year sabbatical leave for the 1964-65 academic year.

Appointed a post-doctoral Visiting Fellow at the Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey, Dr. Eenigenburg will pursue advanced study and research in that famous institution.

Dr. and Mrs. Eenigenburg with their son, Richard, will live in Griggstown, New Jersey during the sabbatical period. Dr. Eenigenburg joined the Western faculty in 1952 as Professor of Historical Theology and Church History, following pastorates in Long Branch, New Jersey, Passaic, New Jersey, and Englewood, Chicago, Illinois. He was appointed to be the first professor in the newly established chair of ethics in the fall of 1963. During that same year, the Board of Trustees appointed him Academic Dean for Western Seminary.

As a one year sabbatical replacement for Dr. Eenigenburg, Western has appointed the Rev. Hugh A. Koops to assume the teaching responsibilities in the field of ethics for the 1964-65 academic year.

Majoring in the field of Christian ethics, Mr. Koops will write a doctoral thesis on the subject “A Study of the Criterion of the Good as Reflected in the Theological Ethics of H. Richard Niebuhr, Reinhold Niebuhr, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer.”

He has contributed a number of articles in The Reformed Journal over a period from April, 1958 to June, 1964.

Mr. Koops, his wife the former Marilyn De Jonge of Zeeland, Michigan, and the family are at home at 54 E. 15th Street in Holland.

Union Services Held in Chapel

During the months of July and August, the Holland Classis, R.C.A. sponsored Union Prayer Services which were held each Thursday evening in the seminary chapel.

In July, Dr. James I. Cook, instructor in biblical languages, gave an exposition of Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians, and during the month of August, Rev. Allen B. Cook, Hope College pastor gave an exposition of the general Epistle of James. The seminary chapel provides an ideal meeting place for union prayer services of this kind; it has been used during recent years for this purpose.

Redesigned Orientation Highlights Opening Days

An enlarged orientation program for new students began on Tuesday, September 8 at Western.

Designed to give more opportunity for extensive discussion between the faculty and new students, the program of orientation combined existing features with some new additions.

Incoming junior students spent Tuesday with a Greek examination in the morning and an English examination in the afternoon. In addition, some students met with committees of the seminary’s Board of Trustees and faculty for
Western Faculty Reports Varied Activities

Dr. Donald J. Bruggink, Assistant Professor of Historical Theology and Church History, delivered lectures on "Reformation and Church Architecture" and "Church Architecture for Reformation Churches" at the Christian Reformed Ministers' Institute on June 3 and 4 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is also scheduled to lecture on Reformed Church Architecture at Calvin Theological Seminary on September 28. On September 25 and 26, he will participate with Professor Carl H. Droppers, co-author of his new book, and Glen Vander Sluis, architect, in a conference on Church Worship and Architecture to be held under the auspices of the Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, Chicago, Illinois.

Professor Hugh A. Koops, sabbatical replacement in Christian Ethics and Philosophy of Religion, has spent the summer preparing himself for his teaching activities in this new field at Western. He has also written articles and book reviews for The Reformed Journal, Quest, The Journal of Religion, and Christianity Today.

Dr. M. Eugene Osterhaven, Professor of Systematic Theology, reports a fruitful summer of teaching at the Fuller Summer Seminary during July, one course of which was a seminar on Schleiermacher, which met two hours a day six days a week. An additional course was in Apologetics. He was a delegate to the General Synod, R.C.A., and in addition, made two noteworthy excursions to the wilds of northern Canada in his trustworthy canoe.

Dr. John Piet, Professor of English Bible and Missions, served as tour leader of a world mission tour which included many people from the Western Michigan area, as well as a scattering of persons from various parts of the United States. The party of thirty who accompanied John and Wilma Piet were mostly Reformed Church members, including two former missionaries in China, Miss Bess Bruce and Mrs. Alma Vander Meir. Dr. Piet reports the greatest inspiration of all was to see Western men whom he knew as former students in Japan, Kuwait and Beirut. Other Western graduates throughout the world were an inspiration to the party.

Miss Mildred Schuppert, Western's librarian, who was a member of the world tour, gave her impressions as one of the tour members. It was a real thrill to see at first hand the work about which she had heard so much, particularly since she knew many of the missionary personnel. The excitement and inspiration of sightseeing in exotic places like Bangkok, Agra, and Jaipur, as well as the thrill of spending time at Bible cities, such as Jerusalem, Damascus, Athens and Corinth left memories which will not soon be forgotten.

Dr. Henry J. TenClay, registrar and Dean of students, participated in a Clinical Pastoral Training Course given under the supervision of the Institute of Pastoral Care. Conducted for six weeks at the Ypsilanti State Hospital in Michigan, the work was under the direction of the Reverend Paul Miller, Chaplain Supervisor and a Reformed Church pastor and graduate of Western Seminary of the class of 1948. Lectures, counselling sessions and seminars combined to present an unusually intensive clinical experience for the participants in this training course.

Adelphia Schedules Special Lectures

During the course of the first quarter, the Adelphia Society has scheduled two special lecture series for their Monday evening meetings. Dr. Donald Bruggink, Associate Professor of Church History, will be lecturing on the topic "Historical Theology—The Faith of the Reformed." Two members of the Hope College Music Department faculty are lecturing on church music at the Monday evening meetings.

In previous years, Adelphia has had classes for members on Saturday mornings. This is an innovation with the hope of combining the program of Monday evening with the class lecture presentation. In addition, Adelphia has reserved the first Monday of each month for small group Bible study and prayer-discussion groups. Mrs. Joan Phelan is president of the Adelphia for the first quarter this fall.

Seminary Receives Unusual Gift

An emblem of the Reformed Church in America done in wood inlays on a wood panel was given to the seminary by a woodworking class of the Marble Collegiate Church of New York City.

Donated to Western through the offices of the Rev. Donald W. Hoffman, an associate minister with Dr. Norman Vincent Peale at the Marble Collegiate Church, and a member of the woodworking group himself, this lovely and unusual emblem will be mounted in an appropriate niche of the seminary commons where it may be viewed by students, faculty and visitors to the school.

The picture of the presentation and a more detailed story of the gift appeared in the Church Herald for August 7, 1964.
Cook and Hiemstra Win Doctoral Degrees

The Reverend James I. Cook, instructor of Biblical Languages at Western, joined the faculty of the seminary at the beginning of the second quarter of last year.

At colorful commencement ceremonies at the Princeton Theological Seminary on Tuesday, June 9, 1964, Professor Cook was granted the degree of Doctor of Theology. His doctoral dissertation was written on the subject “A Critical Evaluation of the Contributions of Edgar J. Goodspeed as a New Testament Scholar.”

In commenting on his dissertation, Dr. Cook had this to say about Goodspeed: “By any standard of measurement, Goodspeed made a sizeable contribution to the area of biblical studies as a New Testament scholar. If he did not exert a formative influence on New Testament thought in the sense of creating a ‘school’ as a result of the circumstance that he was more of a New Testament technician than a New Testament theologian. While no advance in learning on any front is to be minimized, it must be acknowledged that it does not normally fall to the philosopher, or even the translator, to deal with the ideas and beliefs that determine the lines of biblical thought. This is not to say, however, that Goodspeed’s impact, especially among his own countrymen, has been either slight or momentary. He was that most useful of men, an articulate scholar. Throughout his life, he cultivated an ability to write the familiar spoken English of the day, and he exercised this talent both in his translations of scripture and in his translations of progress in biblical science into the language of the layman. If communication, as well as investigation, is a legitimate obligation of scholarship, the contributions of Edgar J. Goodspeed as a New Testament scholar are worthy of recognition and emulation.”

Dr. Cook’s present address is 1004 South Shore Drive, Holland, Michigan.

The Reverend William L. Hiemstra, a special lecturer in pastoral counselling at Western since 1958, was recently awarded a Ph.D. degree in pastoral counselling by Michigan State University. Dr. Hiemstra’s dissertation subject was “Self Perceptions and Perceptions of Selected Bible Characters: A Study of Depressed Psychiatric Patients.”

Western students in recent years have had the privilege of taking an elective course in “Orientation to Clinical Pastoral Training” which met at the Pine Rest Christian Hospital. Mr. Hiemstra has also taught a required course in Pastoral Counselling during the first quarter of recent academic years.

Dr. Hiemstra continues as chaplain at the Pine Rest Christian Hospital, 6850 South Division Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Old Dorm Gets New Tenants

In accordance with a new policy on the use of the Zwemer Hall dorm, arrangements were concluded with Hope College for housing a group of freshman students and upper classmen monitors in the north wings of Zwemer Hall.

A total of 23 rooms on the first and second floors of the dorm were assigned to the college, with two students housed in each of the rooms. A total of 46 Hope students is occupying that portion of Zwemer Hall this year.

In preparation for this influx of new residents, Zwemer Hall underwent a thorough renovation. All the rooms were painted, and each room is graced with the installation of new pull draperies on traverse rods so that the windows of the building at night give a uniform appearance. The halls and stairwells were also completely redone with a special finish on the lower three feet along all the halls and stairs. Light fixtures were installed in the rear area halls, and an additional telephone with an outside trunk line was installed for the enlarged enrollment in the dorm.

Single men students at the seminary have been assigned to the rooms at the south end of Zwemer Hall. All occupants of the dorm will use the recreation hall in the basement and the newly furnished lounge on the main floor.

As the THEOLOG went to press, old Zwemer Hall was still standing and bearing up remarkably well under the onslaught of its new tenants.

The shift in policy for this new usage of the dorm is based upon the combined need of Hope College for additional facilities for its men students, and the seminary’s stewardship of the building, which in recent years was not well occupied. It is hoped that the leasing of these facilities to the college will enable the seminary to write off an old indebtedness in excess of $16,000, incurred in 1955 when the north portion of Zwemer Hall was renovated at the time of the construction of the new main building.

The cooperation between Hope College and Western Seminary in this new venture is another step in the direction of increased cooperation with boards and agencies of the Reformed Church.

Osterhaven, Kuyper Assume New Tasks

Dr. M. Eugene Osterhaven is the new editor of The Reformed Review, a quarterly publication of the Western Seminary faculty. He will be assisted by an editorial board which includes Professors James I. Cook and Hugh A. Koops, pastors and selected students.

This scholarly publication has been most helpful to ministers and professors, with about two thousand copies of each issue mailed world-wide. In addition to the articles of scholarly interest which are featured in each issue, there is a very large selection of reviews of new books published in the field of theology and religion. These continuing reviews are most helpful to men in the ministry, and professors in colleges, universities and theological seminaries as a guide for information on the flood of new books continually being published in this field.

Dr. Osterhaven succeeds Dr. Elton M. Eenenburg, who is engaged in a sabbatical year of post-doctoral study as a Visiting Fellow at the Princeton Theological Seminary.

Dr. Lester J. Kuyper, Professor of Old Testament Language and Literature at Western, has been appointed by the Board of Trustees as Acting Academic Dean for the 1964-65 school year.

Dr. Kuyper has undertaken the duties of the Academic Dean because of the sabbatical year appointment of Dr. Elton M. Eeenigenburg. Matters dealing with curriculum, class schedules, and related subjects are assigned to Dr. Kuyper during this year as responsibilities of the Academic Dean.

Faculty Sets Team Teaching

A seminar on biblical eschatology will be conducted by the four members of the biblical field in gathering the teachings of the Old and New Testaments on subjects such as death, resurrection, judgment and the future life.

Faculty and students will prepare and read papers on assigned subjects with the intent of acquiring a comprehensive biblical view of eschatology. This will be an experiment in “team” teaching in order to bring the insights of faculty and students to illumine and inform our understanding of the teaching of the entire Bible.

Last spring a similar course was taught by the members of the biblical department. Further efforts are planned in this direction for future years.
New Professor Enters Chair of Preaching

Dr. William C. Brownson, Jr., former pastor of the First Reformed Church of Roseland, Chicago, Illinois, has joined the faculty at Western and begun the duties of Assistant Professor of Preaching.

Dr. and Mrs. Brownson, with their four children, arrived in Holland on July 10 and are living at 94 West 38th Street.

During the important first academic year of teaching, Dr. Brownson will carry a course load which will consist of the required courses in the area of preaching in the field of practical theology. He plans to use this first year of teaching experience with the required courses as a period during which he can plan elective courses which will be consonant with a concept of the preaching ministry today, and which will be best fitted to prepare the students at Western for their important work of preaching as they go out into the churches in these times of great challenge and opportunity.

Dr. Brownson had this to say about his concept of the Christian ministry in these times, "We have a great gospel to preach, and a desperately needy generation to serve. Who is sufficient for these things? May God help us to fulfill our calling!"

Dr. Brownson's many friends and associates wish him well as he undertakes this important new work.

Western Hosts National School

The National Leadership Training School, conducted by the Board of Education, R.C.A., was held again this year with Western Seminary and Hope College as hosts for the event. Approximately 240 persons were enrolled in this year's school, which was housed and fed in the facilities of Hope College, but held all academic work in the facilities of the Seminary. All the classrooms, the commons, the chapel, and even the lounge at Zwemer Hall were used for the instructional part of the school's program.

Departing from the usual format of laboratory training school, this year's National Leadership School, as indicated by its changed title, was devoted to the introduction and study of Covenant Life Curriculum material. Coincident with the introduction of materials for the various grade levels in the Reformed Church, this training session was of great importance for the proper introduction of the new materials.

Through the courtesy of the Reformed Church Book Store, under the direction of Mr. Nelson Slot, all the new Covenant Life Curriculum publications were on sale during the days of the school.

Western Seminary was luncheon host to a selected group of appointees of the Board of Education, R.C.A. who are charged with the responsibility of holding training seminars throughout the Reformed Church during the coming year, to aid in the introduction of new CLC materials. In his remarks at this event, President Ridder said, "This luncheon is a symbol of our determined effort to be full partners in the day-to-day mission of the church. You may expect Western to stand with you in any attempt to advance in the area of Christian education." The Reverend Christian A. Walvoord, executive secretary of the Board of Education, responded appropriately.

As a servant of the church, Western rejoices in the opportunity to help promote adult education in this significant way.

Psychological Services Program Enlarged

Beginning this fall, the testing program of the seminary will be enlarged so as to provide for a time period of some four hours of testing. Following the testing, evaluations will be written by the psychologist and interviews will be held with each student regarding the results of the test.

After the basic set of tests has been completed, further testing will be done with individuals where psychological problems have been indicated. Also, a series of counseling sessions will be set up on a financial basis in which aid will be given from the student assistance fund.

The psychological testing this year will be done by Dr. William H. Kooistra, Staff Psychologist at Pine Rest Christian Hospital in Grand Rapids. It is hoped that the increased span of a testing and services program will better equip men for the Christian ministry. With the increasing pressures on the Christian ministry today, sound psychological bases are becoming increasingly important.

Facility Member Publishes New Book

Dr. M. Eugene Osterhaven, Professor of Systematic Theology at Western, is the author of a new publication entitled "Our Confession of Faith," a study manual on the Belgic Confession, published by the Baker Book House of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Written in 1561, the Belgic Confession recently passed its 400th anniversary. Osterhaven's studies in the Belgic Confession were written for laymen, with questions at the end of each chapter designed to facilitate discussion and review in group study.

A graduate of Hope College and Western Seminary, Dr. Osterhaven holds a Th.D. from the Princeton Theological Seminary and has done post-doctoral study at Basel, Göttingen, and Utrecht Universities. For twelve years he served as Youth Forum Editor for The Church Herald and "Faith and Order" Editor for three years.

Seminary Faculty Hosts Hope Bible Department

In an effort to correlate the work of pre-theological and theological studies, the Western Seminary faculty was host to the Hope College faculty members in the Department of Bible and Religion at a dinner held on June 18. Dean Vander Lugt of the college faculty was also present. Members of the combined faculties who met at this significant event reported that it was most helpful in strengthening the work of ministerial preparation going on in both institutions. Inasmuch as a large proportion of Western's student body normally comes from Hope College, cooperation of this kind is especially important and should result in a stronger theological training for the young men entering the Christian ministry in these crucial years.

It is hoped that similar meetings will be arranged with the Bible faculties of the other Reformed Church colleges, Central and Northwestern, in the future.
Special Lectures Scheduled at Western

As the THEOLOG went to press, the following schedule of special lectures was reported by the faculty lecture committee.

The firm dates are itemized as follows:

September 17-18, '64—Dr. William B. Kennedy
  Fall Convocation Conference (3 lectures)
October 4-5—Dr. Colin Williams (3 lectures)
October 6—Mr. William Stringfellow (1 lecture)
November 5—Dr. Harry Boer (1 lecture)
November 12—Dr. James I. Cook (1 lecture)
December 17—Dr. Lester J. Kuyper (1 lecture)
February 11, 12—Dr. Dietrich Ritschl (3 lectures)
April 15—Dr. Richard C. Oudersluys (1 lecture)
April 20-23—Dr. James Ecilm (3 lectures)
May 6, 7—Dr. H. Oberman (3 lectures)

In addition to these special lectures where firm dates have been established, other proposals have been made by the committee which will be reported in later publications. These include a series of three lectures by Hope College faculty members.

A new innovation in the lecture series centering upon the appearance and program setup for Dr. Colin Williams is more fully reported elsewhere in this issue.