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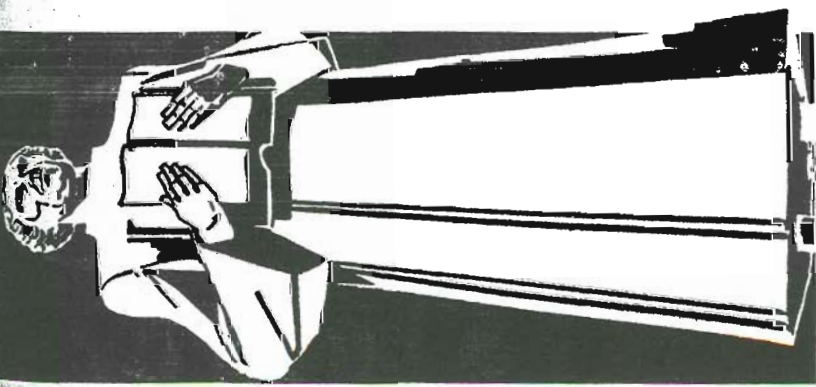
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Forword

AS THIS ISSUE OF THE *Springfielder* goes to press, our seminary family is saying farewell to President Richard J. Schultz and his family.

We do so with mixed feelings. We sense a loss, because Dr. Schultz lived among us as a humble child of God, a skilled teacher, and a competent theologian. As a churchman, he was able to rise above the noise of conflict, to lament extremism on both sides. Students and faculty members alike are going to miss his pastoral ear and heart.

But we are happy—and even a bit envious—that Dr. Schultz is now able to devote his energies and gifts to work in the parish ministry. We wish him the Lord's richest blessings for the future.

As we pray that the Lord may soon provide us with a new president, we face our tasks as a theological seminary with confidence. There is so much to make us hopeful. God has given us His holy Word to guide us, the Lutheran Confessions to help us remain truly Lutheran, and His Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth.

Moreover, we have a dedicated Board of Control, faculty and student body.

We covet the prayers of the congregations and pastors of the Synod as we continue our work of training able ministers of the New Testament.

HENRY J. EGGOLD
Acting President
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