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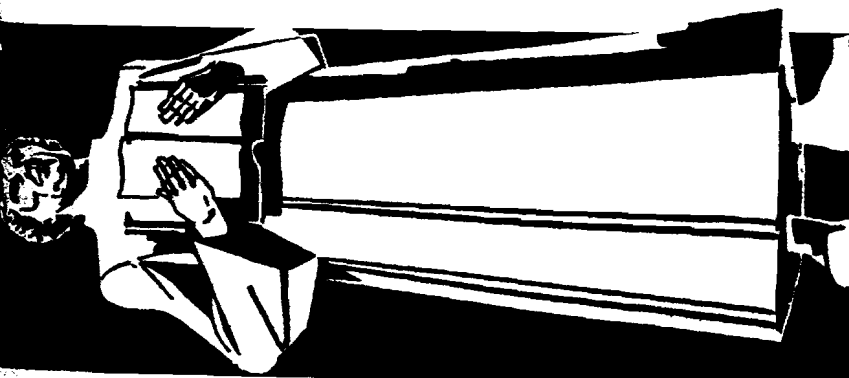
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WHEN YOU, DEAR BROTHER, answered God's call into the presidency of our seminary, you aligned yourself, of course, with the educational leaders of our church and of our community. More especially and more importantly, however, you assumed the responsible leadership of this theological faculty and seminary.

Through the years our benign Lord has deigned to favor our faculty with real and substantial theological strength—not intermitently, or sporadically, if you please, but continuously and uninterruptedly—and lately, not too long ago, at that, our church has come around to bringing some of this force to bear upon the theological issues of our time in the interest of our Savior's Kingdom.

Brother Schultz, this is where you, under God, come in. Be as close to us as you possibly can. Train us to exercise the strength with which we have been endowed. Keep the needs of the Kingdom ever before us. Don't take for granted that all of us have these things always in the forefront of our daily thinking and planning. Tell us, and keep telling us about the destiny that is ours to fulfill. When we begin to show signs of relaxation, or even of boredom, talk to us seriously, earnestly, fervently, plainly. Inspire us, compel us to bring our performance to the highest pitch of our capacity. Above all, keep our glorious Christ ever before our minds and hearts, not only as the great Teacher, who still carries on His prophetic office in the world, but especially as our Savior and Lord, Whom to know is everlasting life and Whom to serve is the highest privilege on this side of eternity. I repeat, stay close to us, live with us, encourage us, pray for us, in all of this asserting your prerogative as the responsible head of this faculty, and I promise you on no less authority than the Christ Himself that you can lead us into an era when Concordia Theological Seminary, of Springfield, Illinois, will fulfill the yearnings of countless numbers of people in the Church, to the great joy of our God in heaven and of His holy angels, and to your own lasting and undying satisfaction.

To this end, we, your colleagues, bespeak heaven's blessing for you, dear brother, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen!