



THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION FROM MEAD HALL APPROACHING THE CHAPEL

## Drew Theological Seminary's Triple Celebration

Founders' Day—Inauguration—Cornerstone Laying

Dr. Ezra S. Tipple Installed in the Chair of McClintock, Foster, Hurst and Butt

The glowing autumnal foliage of Drew Forest had to serve for sunshine last Thursday when the celebration of Founders' Day, the inauguration of the new president and the laying of the corner stone of another beautiful building combined to attract to Madison one of the largest companies of alumni, friends and official visitors that has ever enjoyed the seminary's hospitality—never so gracious and bountiful as now. The threatening remnant of the drenching southeaster of Wednesday overhung the skies, but no showers fell, and the program was carried through to the last jot and tittle.

### President Tipple Inaugurated

The academic procession, which was formed at Mead Hall, by Dr. E. L. Earp, chief marshal, included the trustees and faculty, the representatives of forty colleges and divinity schools, and nearly as many delegates from Conferences and other connectional bodies, proceeded at 10:30 to the chapel. Academic costume tinged the scene with color, relieving the somberness of preaching coats and Sunday "blacks." The chapel was crowded—floor, galleries and hall—to the utmost earshot. On the platform was Bishop Wilson, president of the board of trustees, flanked by the president-elect and president emeritus, both in silken gowns, blazing with the scarlet badge of the divinity doctorate. Bishop J. L. Nuelsen, Bishop M. C. Harris, Dr. Homer Eaton, Dr. F. M. North, Dr. W. V. Kelley, Dr. G. P. Eckman, Dr. W. I. Haven and Dr. D. B. Thompson sat with them.

The hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," was announced by Dr. Eaton, and sung by the congregation. Bishop Nuelsen offered prayer. Dr. Haven read the sixty-first chapter of Isaiah and Dr. Kelley read 1 Cor. 1:4-31. Dr. Thompson, representing Syracuse University, read the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation." When that had been sung, Dr. Henry Anson Buttz, president emeritus, read a brief presentation address. He first welcomed the guests in behalf of the faculty, then in the same behalf extended to Dr. Tipple a welcome in the fair words which are printed on the first page of this paper. The new president rose in his place as his predecessor and former preceptor addressed him in these terms:

"President Tipple: In this presence and surrounded by so many who are familiar with the great educational problems of the times, it would be presumptuous for me to speak of the responsible position to which you have been called.

"To guide the policies of the seminary; to enlarge the vision of the young men who seek their theological education in this place; to promote in the rising ministry the richest

experience and the noblest life; to be the exemplar and the mouthpiece of the school in its relation to the Church of our fellowship and the whole Church of Christ, may well tax the coolest head, the profoundest Christian experience, the amplest learning and the gentlest and stoutest heart. In full confidence that you will meet these responsibilities in a manner worthy of the institution and the Church, we, as a faculty, at the very entrance upon your office, bid you welcome and assure you of our cordial sympathy with your labors and of our hearty and united support.

"We realize that this occasion and this hour are a call to fresh consecration to the service of the seminary, which demands of us sacrifice and service, and these we freely give."

Dr. Buttz went on to congratulate his successor upon "a scholarly, able and devoted faculty, which has never known division or discord," a board of trustees "composed of wise men united in the purpose of making this seminary one of our foremost institutions for the promotion of high ministerial learning," "a noble and influential body of alumni," "a large and choice body of students" and "dear friends everywhere, associated in love and sympathy with the seminary." He expressed the belief that the new president would preserve the traditions of the school. "Drew Theological Seminary," he continued, "accepts God's Word as the only infallible rule of faith and practice for the Church of Christ. You will be loyal to it. She is in harmony with the great evangelical and missionary and philanthropic movements of our age. You share in the great vision of a world redeemed and saved through the gospel of Christ. We join in loving fellowship with all branches of the Church of Christ and with all sister educational institutions, and you, I know, share in the hope of a united Christendom."

In conclusion, he turned to the chairman: "And now, Bishop Wilson, president of the board of trustees of Drew Theological Seminary, I have the additional pleasant duty of presenting to you the Rev. Ezra Squier Tipple, Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Divinity, to be inaugurated president of Drew Theological Seminary."

Bishop Wilson, impressive in manner and phrase, spoke briefly of the presidential obligation, read from the charter the pledge of loyalty which is required of all Drew professors, and placed the morocco-bound record book on the open Bible, where Dr. Tipple signed it. The Bishop then transferred to him the badge of office, the two ancient keys, knotted together with the blue and green of the seminary.

Without further formality President Tipple

stepped to the desk and began his inaugural, reading rapidly from type-written sheets. His voice served him well for the hour which he occupied, and the interesting form in which the matter was cast, the vivacity of his delivery, held the closest attention of his auditors. Murmurs of approval were frequent, sometimes taking articulate form in repeated "Amen," and culminating in spontaneous and long-continued applause at the close.

It was Founders' Day and the new president's first sentences were an eloquent attribution of praise to the makers of the seminary, as benefactors, teachers and executives, culminating in the feeling words concerning the president emeritus which are printed on the first page of this issue. The speaker then addressed himself to his main theme.

### The Inaugural

#### THE MAKING OF THE MODERN MINISTER

Claiming first that the Christian ministry is an institution of divine origin and assured permanence, and pointing out that the object of Drew Seminary was "to train men for the Methodist ministry," President Tipple said:

What is the work of the theological school? It is not to make scholars, in the technical sense of the term. The seminary is a place for the cultivation of scholarly ideals and tastes, for the confirming of scholarly habits of thought and life, and for the awakening now and then of such scholarly ambitions in a man that he will go through fire and flood to be a scholar; but spirituality, for instance, demands a stronger emphasis in the modern seminary than scholarship.

#### THE MINISTRY A SPIRITUAL ENTERPRISE

The life of the modern college hardly tends to moral self-denials. The customs of college life are exacting. The appeal of college spirit, the influence of the college atmosphere is well-nigh irresistible. And when a man enters the seminary he brings with him the college attitude, the college practices, and too often the college non-observance of the "means of grace," and sometimes, alas, even antagonisms to spiritual influences and an aversion to a life hid with God in Christ. Now the call to the ministry is a call to spiritual enterprises, to see bushes which burn and are not consumed, to walk in the highways of life, amid hoisterous noises, and yet be able to discern above "the tumult and the shouting" the still, small voice; to stand upon some Syrian mountain and, looking up, behold a thousand thousand wheeling chariots and horsemen of Jehovah. Such experiences are of far vaster moment to a minister of God than facts which have been written down in books. To know the history of doctrines, or the literary aspects of the Bible, or the Christian solution