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PREFACE

This General Catalog of the Crozer Theological Seminary, issued at the close of its fiftieth year, is the first one in the history of the school. The aim is to put in permanent form a brief record of all alumni and matriculates of the Seminary, including men who had been graduated in the theological department of the University at Lewisburg, now Bucknell University.

In compiling data, opportunity was given for each alumnus and matriculate to furnish the desired facts; where responses could not be secured, other available sources were consulted for the necessary data. These were in many cases incomplete, and doubtless in others, unreliable.

The compiler has not consciously admitted an erroneous statement of fact or date, but is prepared to learn of many. A single concrete extenuating case must suffice: In searching for the date of death of a Crozer alumnus, not infrequently three different dates were found; the particular state annual giving one, the association minutes another, and an obituary in a local paper still another. A large correspondence was conducted in obtaining and verifying information.

Special lists, in which are assembled the names of foreign missionaries, of men who served the country in either army or navy, and of Crozer men who have served in other denominations than the Baptist, are placed under their proper heads. This does not imply that their services have been more valuable than those of others; there is however a special interest attached to these classes, rendering them historically important.

The names are arranged by classes and the latter in chronological order; the graduates of each class are in alphabetical order, followed by matriculates who did not complete the full course, and separated from the alumni by a faint line. Students pursuing special studies, unless graduate students, are classified with matriculates of the class year when such students attended the Seminary.

Graduate students, whether alumni of the Seminary, or graduates of other seminaries, are placed at the head of the class years when such graduate work was completed.

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In many cases alumni now write their names in a form different from that given in the Catalog of the time; middle names have been assumed, dropped, or changed, and in not a few instances, the spelling of the family name has been altered. Where an alumnus has furnished full data on the provided blank his present form of name has been accepted and followed; but where the record was made up from other sources the old catalog name has been retained. Where the full name for which a middle initial stands could not be ascertained, such initial has been treated as the name and appears without the period.

In giving the names of Baptist churches the word "Baptist" is omitted. Where another denomination is intended the name of same is given, except in case of denominational change of pastor, when churches he served are assumed to be of the denomination of the pastor.

Grateful acknowledgments are due to many alumni and friends for prompt responses to requests for information, oftentimes made at personal inconvenience.

HISTORICAL STATEMENT

In the middle of the nineteenth century no Baptist theological seminary existed between northern New York, eastern Massachusetts, and the Pacific Ocean. The first step toward a school in the middle East was the establishment in 1851 of the University at Lewisburg, later Bucknell University; this resulted in the addition of a theological department, organized in 1855. Its course extended over two years only, and a single professor did the teaching for a number of years.

Considering the limitations, the school did good work, but it soon became apparent that the needs of the large territory at its command were not met. It lacked an endowment; it was remote from large centers of population, and, as a final discouragement, the country was thrown into the throes of the Civil War.

In 1866 occurred the death of John P. Crozer, a generous, wealthy Baptist layman of Upland, Pennsylvania, who left an available building on a hill-site of commanding prominence. Almost instinctively the heirs of the deceased philanthropist thought of the need of a seminary for the training of ministers.

The matter was taken up in 1867; conferences were held with the University of Lewisburg, and a final satisfactory arrangement effected by which the theological department was transferred to the new seminary, chartered in 1867 as the Crozer Theological Seminary of Upland, Pennsylvania. This harmonious adjustment provided for the recognition on terms of equality of all the graduates of the old school as alumni of the new seminary. Hence all graduates from 1855 to 1868 are regarded as Crozer alumni.

The Crozer Theological Seminary was opened in 1868 with a faculty of three professors at whose head stood Reverend Henry G. Weston, D. D., LL. D. He remained its honored president for forty years, or until 1909. He was succeeded by one of the younger professors, Dean Milton G. Evans, D. D., LL. D., himself an alumnus of the Seminary, who continues president, with a faculty of seven professors and six instructors.

The first president of the Board of Trustees was Samuel A. Crozer, who served forty-two years, from 1868 to 1910, and was succeeded by George K. Crozer who remains the efficient head of the

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Board. Thus the Seminary has had but two presidents of both its governing body and of its faculty.

In 1907 the Crozer Extension Course was added with a Director in charge, thus extending seminary advantages to worthy men over this and other lands. Library extension was also established, greatly enlarging the scope of the Seminary Library.

In 1912 the Seminary Library became the custodian of the manuscripts, pamphlets, and books of the American Baptist Historical Society, rich in denominational literature.

In 1910 a valuable connection was made with the University of Pennsylvania by which a wide range of studies has been made available to Seminary students with reciprocal advantages in University courses leading to degrees. This relation enables Crozer men to secure degrees from both Seminary and University.

The original endowment of \$175,000 has been steadily increased until it has reached the sum of \$850,000; with the Campus and its eleven buildings, the total investment amounts to more than a million dollars. Of this sum, \$130,000 is available for scholarships to eligible students.