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HISTORICAL SKETCH OF UNION THEOLOGICAL
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I. THE BEGINNING, 1812-1823.

The Presbyterian Church in America was composed originally of emigrants from Great Britain and Ireland, and for a number of years the ministers of their various congregations were drawn from beyond the seas. As the church grew, however, and the population of the country increased, the supply thus obtained proved to be inadequate, and the necessity for a native ministry became more and more apparent. Academies and colleges were accordingly established from time to time during the eighteenth century at various places, such as Princeton, Lexington and Hampden-Sidney; and the candidates educated in these institutions received their theological training from the president of the college, when he chanced to be a minister (as was commonly the case), or from other approved divines here and there throughout the country. But not until 1812, the year of our second war with England, did the church establish an institution to be devoted exclusively to theological education. In that year Princeton Seminary was founded, with the Rev. Archibald Alexander (formerly President of Hampden-Sidney College) as its organizer and first professor. In the same memorable year the Synod of Virginia adopted the plan of a Seminary to be located within her bounds, inaugurated measures to raise funds for its sup-

attention to the German "Te Deum."

Now thank we all, my God.

From the Pietist, Moravian, and other similar schools of composers of hymns, Dr. Lacy turned to the English school, first dwelling upon the Scotch version of the Psalms. Kent was given a prominent place as being the author of the Doxology. The 17th and 18th century writers were discussed separately, after which the greatest writers of the present century, with their compositions, occupied the lecturer's attention.

Two remarks were made in closing :

1. Cowper excepted, none of the great poets have written hymns.
2. In hymns polemicism has been entirely omitted. In them, as in prayer, in approaching God creed is forgotten.

J. E. B., JR.

VALEDICTORY,

With this issue the ninth volume of the Seminary Magazine closes. Through the untiring efforts of the Business Manager it has been put upon a firm financial basis. The faithful work of Messrs. Anderson and Lane has kept the Missionary Department well up to its standard. The Associate Editors, Messrs. Ballou and Sevier, with the Editor-in-chief have done their best for the Literary Department. We trust our readers have been pleased. Our contributors have all been men widely known for their intellectual culture and staunch Calvinism. To each of them the Staff returns thanks for his contribution. The work of the year has not all been a bed of roses. A little bad proof reading in the first issue called down encomiums upon the editor's head that could scarcely be mistaken for praise. We regretted the negligence. Some faulty English in an editorial elicited criticism of the Editor-in-chief's collegiate course. He appreciated the criticism and promises to watch his words more closely next time. Some one is perhaps now at least wondering why this issue is delayed. We trust when it does put in its appearance it will be of such a character as to appease all wrath. We have devoted special attention to this last number.

As our readers all know the Seminary is to be removed next fall to its handsome new quarters at Richmond. This marks an era in its history. We have felt that no better time could be found in which to stop and take our bearings. Hence the Magazine determined to devote one entire issue to the history of the Seminary and the work of its Alumni at home and in the foreign field. More than a thousand men have received instruction here, so that not one tithe of the work could be recorded. We have sought to represent every feature of work in which our men have taken a prominent part.

As we go to Richmond next year, of course, that means "good bye" to Hampden Sidney. The Staff has urged me to be specially *pathetic* in this part of my valedictory. I don't know how to do that, yet I suppose there is not a student in the Seminary but that regrets to leave the place. The Faculty of the College has been a source of inspiration. For each of that Faculty we wish to express our highest regard. The people of the Hill have been genial, courteous and hospitable. We regret to leave them all. Yet as we turn our faces to the future and see our beloved Seminary located in its new home, with a greatly enlarged sphere of usefulness, we cannot but rejoice that it has thus been transplanted after seventy-four years of work among the good people of Hampden-Sidney.

In closing my work allow me to introduce the Editorial Staff for 1898-'99.

Editor-in-chief—E. E. LANE.

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The Magazine has no hymeneal department, yet when one of our alumni comes to the Hill and carries away the prize which he has captured during his seminary course, the event is well worthy of space in our editorial column. On Thursday, April 7th, Miss Bessie Hall of this place was married to Rev. Edgar Tufts of Banner Elk, N. C. The wedding was at the home of the bride's mother, with about twenty-five friends of the family present to witness the marriage. Rev. E. E. Gil-