MEMORIAL

EDWARD JOSEPH YOUNG

A member of the Evangelical Theological Society since 1950, Edward Joseph Young was born in San Francisco, California, on November 29, 1907. Awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree by Stanford University in 1929, he then travelled in Europe and in Asia and studied in Madrid and at the Newman School of Missions in Jerusalem.

After studying at San Francisco Theological Seminary for a brief period, he enrolled at Westminster Theological Seminary in 1932. In 1935 he had completed the work for both the Th.B. and Th.M. degrees. The following year saw him at the University of Leipzig where he studied under Albrecht Alt. Returning once more to this country, he studied for several years at the Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning. In 1943 this Philadelphia institution conferred on him the Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Ordained to the gospel ministry in San Francisco in 1935 by the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, Dr. Young joined the Orthodox Presbyterian Church at its inception and was active on all levels of church life: in the congregation, presbytery and general assembly. A devoted churchman and ardent Calvinist, his services were sought by, and his influence felt in, evangelical communions throughout this land and abroad.

He was appointed Instructor in Old Testament at Westminster in 1936, and labored there for more than three decades, rising to Professor of O.T. in 1946. He was a Guest Professor a number of times at the Winona Lake School of Theology and participated twice in that institution's Flying Seminar to Bible Lands.

A rich legacy of writings has come from Dr. Young's pen—works for the Old Testament scholar, the pastor, but also for the simple Christian believer. Indicative of his interest in, and dedication to, the cause of Christ are the titles of two of his works: Study Your Bible, and Thy Word Is Truth. Commentaries, Hebrew and Arabic manuals, a comprehensive Introduction to the O.T., detailed special studies, devotionals—these show the range of this bequest to the evangelical world.

Edward Joseph Young on February 14, 1968, entered the glorious presence of the Lord whom he so faithfully served the three score years allotted him.

ALVA J. McClain, 1888-1968

Dr. Alva J. McClain, founder and president emeritus of Grace College and Seminary at Winona Lake, died Monday, Nov. 13, 1968 in Waterloo, Iowa. He was widely known as an educator, author and theologian.

Born in Aurelia, Iowa, on April 11, 1888, he was the son of Rev. Walter and Mary (Gnagy) McClain. He earned the A.B. degree from Occidental College in 1925; he received the Diploma in Theology from Xenia Theological Seminary in 1917; and the master's degree in theology in 1925. He was awarded the D.D. degree from the Bible Institute of Los Angeles in 1940 and the L.D.D. degree from Bob Jones University in 1945.

He was married to Josephine Gingerich at Yakima, Washington, on June 7, 1911. Ordained to the ministry in the Brethren Church in 1917, he pastored the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia from 1918-1923. He taught on the faculties of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Philadelphia School of Bible, Ashland (Ohio) College, and served as dean of Ashland Theological Seminary.

In 1937 Dr. McClain, along with Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, the current president of Grace schools, founded Grace Theological Seminary in Akron, Ohio, with 39 students. Moving to Winona Lake in 1939, McClain guided the founding of Grace College in 1948 and served as president of both schools until his retirement in 1962 after a quarter of a century of service in his capacity as president. McClain Hall, the administration and seminary classroom building on the Grace campus, was named in his honor in 1966.

He served for 50 years on the board of the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society, having been appointed as recording secretary to the board in 1917. He was elected moderator of the general conference of the Brethren Church in 1930 and 1934, and has served on the board of directors of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly since 1942.

He was a member of the Evangelical Theological Society, the National Association of Phi Beta Kappa, and is listed in Volume 32 (1962-63 edition) of Marquis' "Who's Who in America."

He has authored, along with numerous articles and monographs in religious publications, four books. They include: Outline and Argument of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans (1928); Daniel's Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks (1940); Law and the Christian in Relation to the Doctrine of Grace (1954); and The Greatness of the Kingdom (1959). He also served 10 years as a member of the revision committee for the New Scofield Bible which was published by Oxford in 1967.

MARTIN MONSMA

Rev. Martin Monsma, Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on January 31, 1968. He was a member of The Evangelical Theological Society since 1960.