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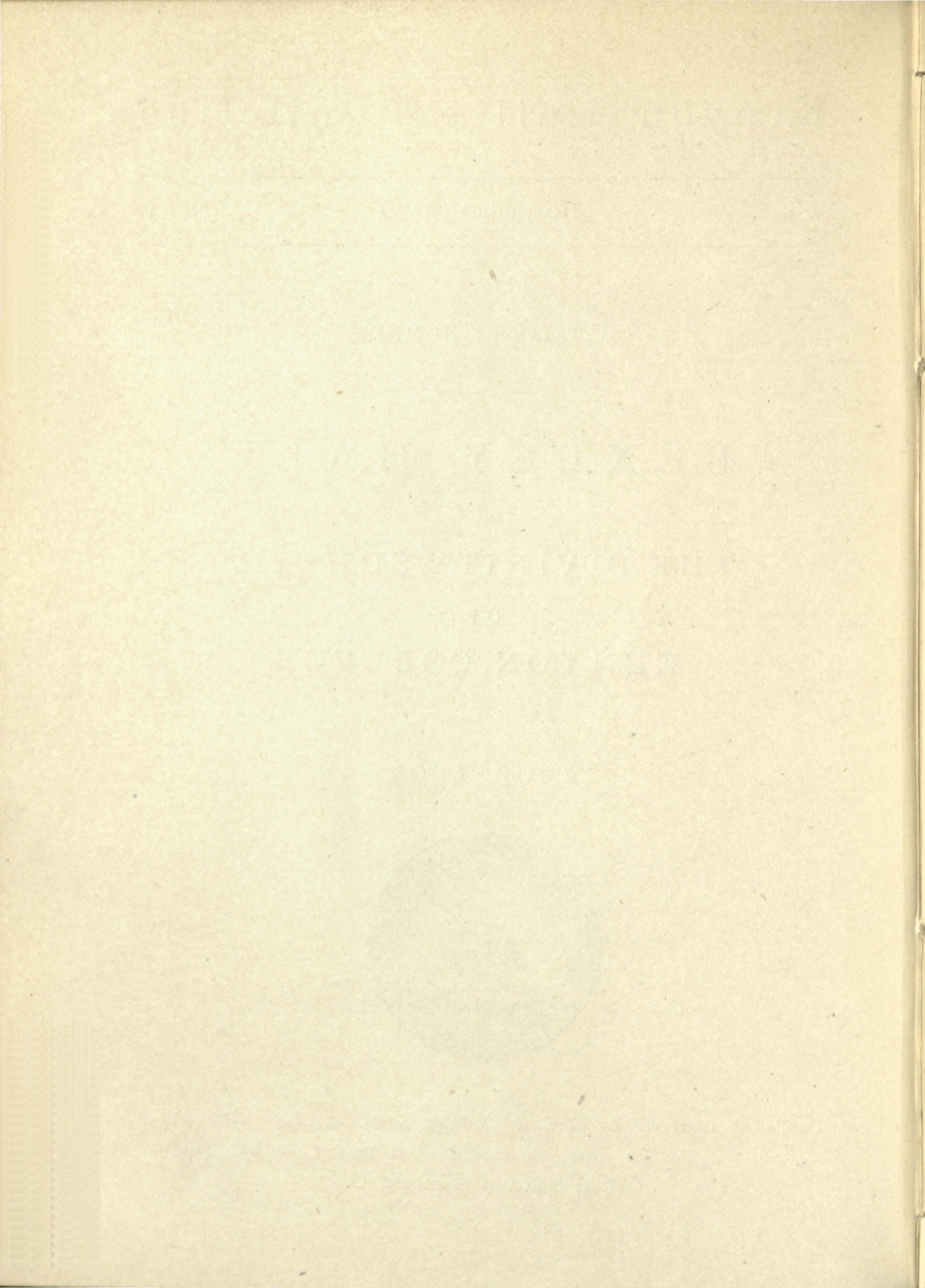
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## Calendar

1906, October 2, Tuesday, Opening of the school with  
Evening prayer.

November 1, All Saint's Day, Founder's Day.

December 15-January 8, 1907, Christmas Recess.

1907, March 23-April 2, Easter Recess.

June 10-22, Examinations.

June 23, Sunday, Ordinations.

June 26, Wednesday, Annual Commencement.

October 1, Tuesday, Opening of the School with  
Evening Prayer.



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Mrs. Grace Wing Baker . . . . .	1911



## History.

The Divinity School of Kenyon College owes its existence to the designs and achievements of the first Bishop of Ohio, the Rt. Rev. Philander Chase. The needs of the Diocese, of which he became bishop in 1818, suggested to him the importance of an institution for the education of young men for the Ministry of the Church. With the object of securing funds for this purpose he visited England in 1823. Such was his success there and such his zeal and courage that on his return he determined to add to his earlier plan a college for secular education. This, as he declared, was not to hinder but to further the original design. The first corporate name was "The Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Ohio." In 1891 the corporate title became "Kenyon College," and the Seminary has since been known as the Divinity School of Kenyon College.

It is the oldest of the theological seminaries of the Episcopal Church west of the Allegheny Mountains. The roll of Alumni includes more than two hundred and fifty names, the first being recorded in the year 1828.

The design includes a high standard, and its vigorous enforcement. Thoroughness in theological education is a present demand which cannot with safety be neglected. Loyalty to the Church, for the service of which this institution was founded, requires insistence upon this point.

The instruction is Churchly and conservative, but

does not shrink from discussion of those critical questions of the day, ignorance of which, on the part of the minister of the Church, is a disqualification as serious as it is inexcusable.

### Site.

Gambier, the seat of Kenyon College, is a village of about five hundred inhabitants, on the Cleveland, Akron and Columbus Railroad, a little east of the center of the State of Ohio, fifty miles from Columbus, five miles from Mount Vernon, and one hundred and twenty miles from Cleveland. The altitude above sea level is more than a thousand feet. The site was chosen by Bishop Chase, after careful investigation, for natural beauty of surroundings and healthfulness of climate. The plateau on which the College and village are situated, rises about two hundred feet above the valley of the Kokosing River, which flows around it on three sides.

### Buildings.

Bexley Hall, the home of the Divinity School, stands in its own park of several acres. It is a three-story building, of pure Elizabethan architecture, erected in 1839, and contains a chapel and recitation rooms, and furnished suites of rooms for twenty-four students. Through a gift of Samuel Mather, Esq., of Cleveland, a steam heating plant has been placed in the building.

Colburn Hall, the library of the theological seminary, is in the same style of architecture as Bexley Hall, with which it is connected by a handsome Tudor arch. It is the gift of Mrs. L. C. Colburn, of Toledo, as a memorial of her husband, Warren Colburn.



The theological library of about 12,000 volumes, which is housed in Colburn Hall, contains many rare and curious volumes, some of which have no duplicates on this side of the Atlantic. The nucleus of the library consists of gifts to Bishops Chase and McIlvaine from members of the Oxford and Cambridge colleges. Bishop Bedell's private library of about 2,500 volumes has recently been added, and further additions are made from the funds given by Charles D. Betts and Mrs. Bedell.

### **The Bedell Lectureship.**

A fund of five thousand dollars established by Bishop and Mrs. Bedell provides for biennial lectures on the Evidence of Natural and Revealed Religion, or the Relation of Science to Religion. These lectures are given every other year on Founders' Day, which is celebrated on the Festival of All Saints. The foundation provides also for the publication of the lectures.

The following lectures have been delivered :

The Rt. Rev. John Williams, D. D., LL. D., "The World's Witness to Christ." 1881.

The Rt. Rev. Henry Cotterell, D. D., "Revealed Religion in its Relation to the Moral Being of God." 1883.

The Rt. Rev. Hugh Miller Thompson, D. D., "The World and the Logos." 1885.

The Rev. James McCosh, S. T. D., LL. D., "The Religious Aspect of Evolution." 1887.

The Rev. David H. Greer, D. D., "The Historical Christ, the Moral Power of History." 1889.



The Rt. Rev. Arthur Cleveland Coxe, D. D., LL. D., "Holy Writ and Modern Thought." 1891.

The Rt. Rev. William A. Leonard, D. D., "The Witness of the American Church to Pure Christianity." 1893.

The Rt. Rev. Boyd Vincent, D. D., "God and Prayer; The Reasonableness of Prayer." 1895.

The Rev. William Reed Huntington, D. D., "A National Church." 1897.

The Rev. Morgan Dix, D. D., D. C. L., "The Supernatural Character of the Christian Religion." 1899.

The Rt. Rev. Henry C. Potter, D. D., D. C. L., "Man, Men, and Their Master." 1901.

The Rt. Rev. William Crosswell Doane, D. D., "Evidence, Experience, Influence." 1903.

The Rt. Rev. Arthur C. A. Hall, D. D., "The Relations of Faith and Life." 1905.

### Scholarship and Beneficiary Aid.

The income from the following endowed scholarships is available for the use of theological students :

*The Hannah More Scholarship* of £200, founded in 1835 by bequest of Hannah More.

*The Clark Scholarship* of \$1,071, founded in 1835 by Mrs. Lucy Clark.

*The McIlvaine Scholarship* of \$4,200, founded by bequest of Bishop McIlvaine, in memory of a beloved son. The incumbent must have completed a classical course in college and also the studies of the first year in the theological course.

*The Platt Benedict Fund* of certain property left in trust to the wardens and vestry of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk, Ohio, by Platt Benedict of that town.

*The Leonard Scholarship* of \$1,000, the gift of William B. Leonard and his wife Louisa D. Leonard, of Brooklyn, New York.

*The Sullivan Scholarship* of \$1,000, the gift of Mrs. Phebe S. Sullivan, of New York.

*The Bedell Prize Scholarship* of \$5,000, founded by bequest of Mrs. Julia Strong Bedell. It is awarded to that student entering the Theological Seminary, who shall have maintained the highest standing when an undergraduate in Kenyon College.

Appropriations are also made to students from missionary dioceses from the Ethan Stone Fund, established by Ethan Stone, of Cincinnati, which is administered by the Bishop of Southern Ohio.

The Joint Education Society of the Dioceses in Ohio also makes grants to theological students. By this Society a graduate fellowship of \$500 has been established, which is awarded annually.



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## Faculty of the Divinity School

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THE REV. WILLIAM FOSTER PEIRCE, A. M., L. H. D.

**President**

Lecturer on Christian Antiquities.

THE REV. HOSEA WILLIAMS JONES, D. D.

**Dean of the Faculty**

Eleutheros Cooke Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Church Polity  
and Canon Law.

THE REV. JACOB STREIBERT, A. M., Ph. D.

Griswold Professor of Old Testament Instruction.

THE REV. DAVID FELIX DAVIES, A. M., D. D.

Milnor and Lewis Professor of Dogmatic Theology, Moral Theology and  
Christian Evidences.

THE REV. ORVILLE E. WATSON, A. M., D. D.

Bedell Professor of New Testament Instruction. Instructor in Liturgics.

THE REV. JAMES TOWNSEND RUSSELL,

Instructor in Voice Training and Reading the Church Service.

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Lecturer on Pastoral Theology and the Book of Acts,

THE BISHOP OF OHIO.

Lecturer on the Pastoral Epistles,

THE BISHOP OF SOUTHERN OHIO.

Lecturer on Canon Law,

THE REV. FREDERICK P. DAVENPORT, D. D.



## Students

### Senior Class

	<i>Diocese</i>
Roscoe Ashman Clayborne, A. B. . . . .	Western Michigan
John Rose Stalker, A. B. . . . .	Ohio
Gilbert Prower Symons, A. B. . . . .	Ohio
Frederick Robert Tschan, A. B. . . . .	Ohio
George Morris Wylie, Jr. . . . .	Ohio

### Middle Class

Allen Percy Bissell, A. B. . . . .	Southern Ohio
Maxwell Budd Long, A. B. . . . .	Southern Ohio
Arthur Turner Reasoner . . . . .	Michigan
Samuel Edward Thompson, A. B. . . . .	Ohio

### Junior Class

George Codwise Dickinson, A. B. . . . .	Southern Ohio
Lindus Cody Marsh . . . . .	Ohio
John Lorraine Oldham . . . . .	Ohio
Lester Leake Riley . . . . .	Southern Ohio
George Alvin Wieland . . . . .	Ohio

### Special Students

Frank Albus . . . . .	Ohio
Raeder Paul Ernst . . . . .	Ohio
Osee Celsus Fox . . . . .	Ohio
Julius Walter Headington . . . . .	Ohio
William Barney Kinkaid . . . . .	Ohio

### Summary

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Middle Class . . . . .	4
Junior Class . . . . .	5
Special Students . . . . .	5
Total . . . . .	19

## Course of Study

### Junior Year

	Hours
Hebrew . . . . .	4
New Testament . . . . .	4
Old Testament Introduction and History . . . . .	2
Ecclesiastical History . . . . .	2
Dogmatics and Evidences of Christianity . . . . .	3
Homiletics . . . . .	1

### Middle Year

Old Testament Exegesis . . . . .	2
Old Testament Introduction . . . . .	2
New Testament Exegesis . . . . .	4
Dogmatics . . . . .	3
Ecclesiastical History . . . . .	2
Liturgics . . . . .	1
Homiletics . . . . .	1
History of Missions . . . . .	1

### Senior Year

Old Testament Exegesis . . . . .	2
New Testament Exegesis . . . . .	3
Dogmatics and Ethics . . . . .	4
Ecclesiastical History . . . . .	2
Liturgics . . . . .	1
Polity and Canon Law . . . . .	1
Sociology . . . . .	1
Homiletics . . . . .	1

In addition to the required studies described above, several elective courses are offered each year, besides the instruction given by the Bishops in Ohio on pastoral care, and the lectures elsewhere referred to.



## Departments of Instruction

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### The Old Testament

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Professor Streibert

#### JUNIOR YEAR—

1. Language. The study of Hebrew begun, Harper's *Elements of Hebrew* and *Hebrew Method and Manual* being used as text-books. In connection with these, easy historical prose is read in the Pentateuch and the Books of Samuel and Ruth. A thorough mastery of Hebrew etymology and the acquirement of a vocabulary are made the special aims of the year's work. Four hours a week.

2. Old Testament Introduction and History. The year is given to a careful study of the Historical Books in connection with the history of Israel, social, political, and religious. Attention is also given to the history of the old Canon of the Old Testament, and the origin of the several ancient versions, Aramaic, Syriac, Greek and Latin. Two hours a week.

#### MIDDLE YEAR—

1. Language and Interpretation. In connection with the reading and critical exegesis of numerous Psalms and of poetical portions of the Pentateuch, the principles of Hebrew Syntax are carefully studied, Harper's *Elements of Hebrew Syntax* being used as a text-book, with constant reference to Driver's *Use of the Tenses in Hebrew*. Two hours a week.



2. Old Testament Introduction. The Poetical and Prophetical Books are studied in the Revised Version, with lectures on the several forms of Hebrew poetry, and the rise and development of prophecy. Two hours a week.

SENIOR YEAR —

Interpretation and Criticism. Portions of several Prophetical Books, chiefly Isaiah, are read in the original in connection with the study of critical problems presented. Lectures are also delivered on Pentateuchal Criticism and Old Testament Theology. Two hours a week.

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## The New Testament

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Professor Watson.

JUNIOR YEAR —

The work in the Junior Year begins with a short course in the history of the Jewish people during the Maccabean and Roman Periods, followed by outline lectures on New Testament Criticism.

The Gospel according to St. Mark is then taken up, being read in class in connection with parallel passages from the other Gospels, special attention being given to the development of an exegetical method and habit. The latter part of the year is devoted to a study of the Teachings of Jesus. Recitations and lectures four hours a week.

MIDDLE YEAR —

The work of this year starts with a study of the beginnings of the Christian Church, as recorded in the Acts

of the Apostles. This leads to the life and work of St. Paul, which are then taken up, on the basis of the Acts and of those Epistles which fall within the Missionary Journeys, the chief aim being to bring forth the salient points of his doctrine. Four hours a week.

#### SENIOR YEAR —

The work of the Middle Year is continued in this, and the Epistles of St. Paul's captivity are carefully studied. The Epistle to the Hebrews is also read, and compared with the Pauline writings.

The latter part of the year is given to a review course in the Introduction of the New Testament, covering its outline and contents. The more important problems in Introduction and Criticism are considered in detail. Three hours a week.

During the course frequent papers are prepared and discussed by the students on assigned topics.

The course includes an examination of the greater part of the New Testament in Greek, and the whole of it in English.

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### **Church History, Polity and Canon Law**

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**Dean Jones**

The course in Church History provides for an outline review of the whole field, in order that the student may appreciate the relations and proportions of the different parts. Special emphasis is placed upon the Second, Third, and Fourth centuries in the earlier stages of the



course, and upon the Fifteenth and Sixteenth in the latter. In the middle year the leading subject is the growth, culmination and decline of the Papal power. The development of Christian institutions is carefully considered in the Junior Course. The literature and life of the primitive Church receive as full treatment as time will allow.

In the Senior Year the History of the English Church occupies the full time, except that the Continental Reformation is considered in its leading aspects, and that the American Episcopal Church is reviewed in lectures and recitations.

Of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries full and detailed knowledge is expected, and the course of instruction is extended to provide for this.

Smith's *Students' History*, Kurtz, Plummer's *Church of the Early Fathers*, and Robertson's *Church History*, are recommended for use in the Junior Year, Smith, Kurtz, Hardwick's *Middle Ages*, and Duruy's *History of the Middle Ages* are recommended for use by the Middle Class. Jennings's *Ecclesia Anglicana*, Perry's and Dixon's *Histories of the Church of England* should be read during the Senior Year, also the histories of the American Church by McConnell and Tiffany.

The course in Polity follows, in the main, the direction suggested by the three great topics, i. e., the Being of the Church, the Authority of the Church, and the Ministry. It also includes a systematic study of Hooker.



## Theology

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Professor Davies

### JUNIOR YEAR —

The first two terms of the year are given to a thorough study of Apologetics. Epistemology, Theism, the Anti-theistic Theories and Christian Origins are some of the subjects covered. The books used are Harris, *Philosophical Basis of Theism*, Fisher, *Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief*, Bruce, *Apologetics*, Row, *Bampton Lectures*, and others. Frequent written work is required. Three hours a week.

In the third term Dogmatic Theology is begun. The subjects studied are Theology Proper and Anthropology. Books used are Pearson *On the Creed* and Gibson, MacLear and Williams *On the Articles*, and there is frequent reference to the earlier Anglican authors. Three hours a week.

### MIDDLE YEAR —

Dogmatic Theology is continued during the year. The subjects studied are Soteriology and Pneumatology. The books used are Hooker, Book V., Pearson, Gibson and MacLear, and in addition work is done in Anglican authors — Jewel, Andrewes, Beveridge, Bull, Butler, Waterland and others. The attention paid to historic Anglican Theology is a feature of the course. There is written work throughout the year. Three hours a week.

## SENIOR YEAR—

The study of Theology is continued during the first term. Subjects studied are Ecclesiology and Eschatology. Books as before. But more extensive work is done in Anglican authors on the Church and on the Sacraments. Four hours a week.

The remaining two terms are given to the study of Christian Ethics. The subject is studied in a practical manner in its bearing on modern conditions. Books—Smyth, Martensen, Strong and others. Four hours a week.

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## Liturgics

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**Professor Watson**

## MIDDLE YEAR—

The study of Liturgics is begun in the Middle Year, with a course upon the use of the Prayer Book. The text-book employed as a basis is Bishop Paret's "Pastoral Use of the Prayer Book," supplemented from other sources, the object being to familiarize the student with the rubrics of the book and to guide him in practical interpretation of them, as well as to study the rationale and meaning of the services. One hour a week.

## SENIOR YEAR—

During this year the history of the Prayer Book is pursued, together with a special study of the principles of public worship, and of the Communion Office and early Liturgies. The text-book used is Procter and Frere's "History of the Book of Common Prayer." One hour a week.



## Elocution

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Professor Russell

Instruction in this subject is given to the students, both in classes and singly, according to individual needs. They are taught correct breathing and the proper use of the voice, a clear and cultivated enunciation, as also various forms of expression for intelligent reading of the Church's services, and for effective preaching and public speaking.



## **General Information**

### **Admission**

Any candidate for Priest's Orders in the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, with full qualifications according to Title I, Canon 4, Section 2, may be received as a student of the seminary; and any other person who may give sufficient evidence of a good moral and religious character, and of such literary qualifications, to be determined by examination, as will enable him successfully to pursue theological studies. Applicants for admission are requested to address the Dean.

### **Matriculation**

Every student, on being admitted to full standing, must subscribe the following declaration in the Matriculation Book of the Seminary:

"We, the subscribers, students of the Theological Department of Kenyon College, do solemnly promise, with reliance on Divine Grace, that we will faithfully obey the laws and pursue the studies thereof, endeavor to promote the reputation and interests of the Seminary, and make daily efforts, by pious reading, self-examination, and secret prayer, to cultivate all religious and moral dispositions and habits, and grow in those graces which should characterize the Christian and minister of the Cross."

### **Seminary Year**

The year begins on the first Tuesday in October and closes on the Wednesday of Commencement week. Vacations coincide with those of the Collegiate Department, as stated in the Calendar.

## Lectures

In addition to lectures by the professors and the Bishops of Ohio and Southern Ohio, lectures are delivered from time to time during the year by prominent clergymen.

## Examinations

A public examination of each class is held previous to the annual Commencement and certificates are awarded to those who, on the final examination, are found to have pursued satisfactorily the full course of study.

## Degrees and Hoods

1. All examinations for degrees will be conducted by the Faculty on Tuesday preceding Commencement week, and on Tuesday preceding the beginning of the year.

2. The rules concerning the degree of Bachelor of Divinity are as follows:

(a) Graduates of Bexley Hall who have a Bachelor's degree may receive the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, provided: (i) that they have completed the full course of study, including Hebrew, and (ii) have maintained throughout the course an average grade of 85 per cent.

(b) Graduates of Bexley Hall who have not a Bachelor's degree may receive the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, provided: (i) that they have completed the full course of study, including Hebrew; (ii) that they have maintained throughout the course an average grade of 85 per cent; and (iii) that they have completed a post-gradu-



ate course of four hours a week, not necessarily in residence, and have passed an examination on the work with the grade of 85 per cent.

(c) Graduates from other Seminaries, who have taken the Greek and Hebrew courses, may receive the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, provided: that they have taken one year's work of twelve hours a week, in residence at Bexley Hall, following lines of special research, and have passed an examination on the work with a grade of 85 per cent.

3. A candidate for the degree of D. D. must be a graduate of an incorporated College or of a Theological school, and must have been at least ten years in Priest's Orders. He must present an original essay in Latin, Greek or English, on some subject connected with Theology chosen by himself. He must also, in the presence of the Examiners, write two theses in English on subjects from Ecclesiastical History and Dogmatic Theology, assigned him at the time of the examination, and he must be prepared to read in the original and comment upon portions of the Old and New Testament, similarly assigned at the time of the examination.

4. The hoods adopted by the Seminary are in accordance with the American intercollegiate system. For Bachelors of Divinity the hood will be black, not over three feet in length, lined with mauve silk, the College color, with a binding not over six inches wide, of scarlet silk or velvet. For Doctor of Divinity the hood will be of silk, four feet in length, with panels at the side. The colors are the same as for Bachelor of Divinity.



## Expenses

No charge is made for instruction, room rent, permanent furniture, or use of Library. Text-books and movable furniture (such as bedding, towels, etc.) are to be provided by students.

Aid will be given to properly qualified students by scholarships, or by the Joint Education Committee of the Dioceses of Ohio and Southern Ohio.

Board (38 weeks) cost from	\$114 00 to \$152 00
Heat, from	15 00 to 20 00
Washing, from	15 00 to 20 00
Lights, from	3 00 to 5 00
Total	\$147 00 to \$197 00

## Library

The Library, enlarged by the gift of the valuable library of Bishop Bedell, contains about twelve thousand volumes. Additions are made from time to time, chiefly through the income of the Charles D. Betts Library Fund and of the Bedell Prize Scholarship.

The students also have access to the excellent library and reading room of the Collegiate Department.

## Services

There is daily service, morning and evening, and Holy Communion on Sundays, Holy Days, and every Thursday in the Seminary Chapel. The students are appointed in turn to read the lessons for the day.

## Bishop Bedell Missionary Society

The society, in which all the students are members, meets once a month, to listen to an essay on some field of missionary work, a biography of some missionary and notes on current missionary topics.