Music

How many of us ever stop to think
of music as a wondrous magic link
With God; taking sometimes the place of prayer,
when words have failed us 'neath the weight of care.
Music, that knows no country, race or creed;
But gives to each according to his need.

—Anon.
OIL PAINTINGS
The March NEWSLETTER was delayed a few days, so that it might carry the pictures of the oil paintings of the Doctors Williamson. These excellent paintings were completed by Eric Haupt of New York City, in December, and are to be unveiled in the lobby of the Administration building on Tuesday, March 31, 1959. In the absence of the Doctors Williamson the members of the immediate family will be present; Dr. and Mrs. Mark Thompson of Scranton, Pennsylvania; and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Holt of Highstown, New Jersey; and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williamson, Jr. of Princeton, New Jersey.

Our congratulations to the committee that commissioned these paintings. The committee members are: Walter E. Johnson, Chairman, Ruth Baumgartner, John T. Clough, Carl H. P. Dahlgren, Janice Harasanyi, James C. McKeever, Jay Smith, and Virginia Switten.

A sincere appreciation is extended to all the graduates who have or will contribute to the Alumni Fund, thus making these historic paintings possible.

THE ALUMNI FUND
Along with plans, now taking shape, for the development of the Westminster Choir College and its future, the Alumni as an organized body are also becoming a strong entity for their mutual function and well being. Each of us must realize that the one (Westminster Choir College) is as dependent on the other (the Alumni body) for a successful purpose, as a man is dependent on his wife for a successful life.

This year the alumni set a goal of $10,000 to promote both its own activities and those of the school. To date, less than 20% of our graduates have contributed a little over 30% of that goal. Is there one of you who has not yet contributed that cannot afford something? Is there one of you who has not yet contributed who doesn't realize what an important influence for good you are neglecting?

The alumni who have thus far contributed have done more than their share — and most of these have been contributors from the very beginnings of the Fund. Let us take stock of what these people have accomplished.

- The furnishing of 20 rooms in the men's dormitory.
- Paid for and promoted the publication of the NEWSLETTER since its inception.
- Financed the presentation of festivals nationally.
- Given work scholarships in amounts hitherto never available to students.
- Contributed an organized and corrected address system for the dissemination of information to the alumni.
- A Placement Director's services including partial payment of salary.
- The two portraits present in this NEWSLETTER commissioned and paid for through the Fund.

These are but the highlights of what so few have been willing to do. How much more could be accomplished with the support of all?

Remember the Words of our Lord — "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

ALUMNI WEEK
Registrations are being received every day so it looks as though the campus will be alive with graduates as they greet friends, acquaint themselves with the new administration and live again those days that are so precious in their memories.

The graduates who live in the vicinity of Princeton are enthusiastically making preparations to greet the returning alumni. Those who cannot return will be missed, but we hope that you will begin now to make plans to visit your Alma Mater in 1960.

CAMPUS VISITORS
William Guthrie '42
Paul Berry '55
Alice Berman '32
William Camacross '54
Verle Wimer '58
Esther Mangold '46
Francis Williamson '56
Arthur Schoff '41
Erline Westhoven '56
James Litton '58
Caroline Payne '58
George Payne '57
Dorothy Ballinger '54
Evelyn Hartwig '56
Milton Cloud '58
Sandra Poind '58
Colleen Beacham '50
Adele Addison Berger '46

THE ALUMNI FUND
Goal $10,000.00
March 15, 1959
$3,270.59
Gifts from 268
32.7%
NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

Cecil Stewart '33 and his Mount Union College Singers presented a magnificent program when they appeared in the First Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, Ohio, recently. The highlight of their tour was a concert in the Washington Cathedral.

The following names were omitted in the last NEWSLETTER from the list of graduates who attended the Detroit, Michigan "Meet the President" meeting: Mrs. Virginia Cooper, Mrs. George Thomas, Ms. and Mrs. William Rennecker '49, Ruth Bukholder '53 '54, Roland and Agnes Crisci '49 '50, and Herbert Huffman '52.

Robert Page '55 of the First Methodist Church, Montgomery, Alabama took his intermediate choir to the First Methodist Church of Alexander City, Alabama where Milton Cloud '58 is the Minister of Music. Purpose — a joint intermediate choir workshop on February 20 and 21.

Theodore Dox '50 will take up the duties of organist-director of the Zion Lutheran Church in Cobblekill, New York after Easter, 1959. This is in addition to being a part-time instructor at Hartwick College, Oneonta, New York. Mrs. Sue Merriam Fiser '44 and Lee W. Fiser have moved to 65 Donald Court, Huntington, West Virginia, where Lee is Associate professor of Music at Marshall College.

Jane Moore '57 announces her forthcoming marriage to Mr. Neil Stanton White on May 2, 1959. They will reside in El Centro, California.

Adele Addison '46 received the Ford Foundation Grant as one among ten artists chosen from the three hundred fifty nominated. Congratulations!

George C. Traurwein '52 '55 has been appointed as music director for the great outdoor drama, "The Lost Colony" at Manteo, North Carolina, for this coming summer. This continues to be under Westminster leadership.

Robert Simpson '51 '52 and his Chapel (freshmen) Choir has received flattering acclaim following the recent concert at George School, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Carlton Martin '31 '51 of the Bureau of Music for the city of Los Angeles is arranging for an alumni luncheon on Friday, April 3, 1959. Mrs. Tristan B. Groves '47, Minister of Music for the city of Los Angeles will meet with the graduates of this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wilson and Harold Groves '47 were present at the Fort Worth, Texas "Meet the President" meeting. Harold is now attending the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

David A. Wehr, '57, Minister of Music at the First Methodist Church of Boise, Idaho and founder of the Symphonic Choral Society and Society Orchestra directed these societies in their initial performances in the Boise High School Auditorium, Boise, Idaho on March 5. The group's first presentation was the Leuten portion of Handel's "Messiah".

THE NEWSLETTER

MEET THE PRESIDENT — ECHOES

(Another letter from Graduate)

"How wonderful to hear about the crystallization of all Dr. Williamson's dreams through your great leadership and concrete planning. A large task lies ahead, but a search for a more worthwhile goal would be futile."

"I don't think I can express to you my gratitude for your visit with us last weekend. There is no information like first-hand information, and no communication superior to personal relationships. I feel much encouraged about the future of our College as a result of meeting you here in the southwest and my fellow alumni in the area are of the same mind. The immediate future is, of course, distressing but I feel as you do that honest endeavor in a worthy cause will be blessed by God."

"I can't do justice in expressing my feeling about the recent opportunity to meet you in Dallas with some of the other Alumni of this area. For me it was a tremendous experience, (and I know this is the sympathy of the group, for I have talked with several.) Everyone is very captured by your evident capability and your earnest dedication to the cause of Westminster Choir Colleges."

"We were very pleased to have the opportunity to meet Dr. MacAlmont, hear him talk about the College and what is happening, and to feel that we are again a little closer to you all. I am sure you are aware that all the alumni are vitally interested in the future of the College and concerned that it continue to fulfill the missions for which it was founded."

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THE CLASS OF 1963

Ten members of the Class of '63 have been admitted for this September, and fifty more applications are now in process.

Alumni, it is getting late for your nominations of prospective students to enter Westminster this fall.

Use this tear-out to send us the names of outstanding young people whom you believe are academically and musically capable of meeting the high standards of the College and whose dedication to the Ministry of Music warrants the College investing its resources in them.

Don't delay! The Class of '63 is filling up!

To: Dean C. Howard Hopkins, Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N. J.

From: (Your name, address, class)

I nominate the following persons as prospective students at W.C.C.

Please send them full information.

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1959 WESTMINSTER AREA
FESTIVALS REPORT

This is a summary of the reports as I have them to date, March the 12th. I am certain that there are some other areas which have not given me their final reports but, of course, I cannot read their minds and I can only report what is given to me. The areas announcing festivals are as follows:

Place - Catalina Methodist Church
Tucson, Arizona
Date - April 19, 1959
(Three day workshop)
Host - Richard D. Lapo
Coordinator - Richard D. Lapo
Guest Conductor - Cecil Lapo
No. of Choirs - Six

Place - First Methodist Church
Tulsa, Oklahoma
Date - April 26, 1959
Host - Margaret Dow
Coordinator - Margaret Dow

Place - Phillips Memorial Church
Cranston, Rhode Island
Date - April 26, 1959
Hostess - Mrs. John Huizing
Coordinator - Mrs. John Huizing
Guest Conductor - Gus Lehman
No. of Choirs - Nine

Place - First Presbyterian Church
Princeton, New Jersey
Date - May 3, 1959
Guest Conductor - L. Campbell Bunting
Coordinators - Dick Raub
Guest Conductor - L. Campbell Bunting
No. of Choirs - Four

Place - Princeton High School Auditorium
Princeton, New Jersey
(Children's Choir Festival)
Date - April 26, 1959
Host - Westminster Choir College
Coordinator - Virginia Heddering
Guest Conductor - Virginia Cheesman

Place - First Baptist Church
Goldboro, North Carolina
Date - No information
Host - E. Bruce Sloop
Coordinator - E. Bruce Sloop
Guest Conductor - No information

Place - Hollywood-Brookfield Pres. Church
Brookfield, Illinois
Date - April 26, 1959
Host - Harold Finkeleiner
Coordinator - Robert Frazier
Guest Conductor - Participating directors

Place - First Presbyterian Church
Canton, Ohio
Date - May 17, 1959
Host - W. Robert Morrison
Coordinator - W. Robert Morrison
Guest Conductor - Ralph Burrier

Place - Park Cities Baptist Church
Date - April 19, 1959
Host - Ray Evans
Coordinator - Don Hemanot
Guest Conductor - No information

One festival in particular deserves mention at this time. I refer to the Children's Choir Festival which is to be held in Princeton on April 26th, 1959. The following information from Virginia Heddering, Coordinator, should prove interesting to all:

"In order to promote publicity for the festival, we are sponsoring a poster contest among choir members. Each church has one entry to be judged on the day of the concert. First, second and third prizes will be awarded to the churches."

"In order to avoid ugly rustling of paper programs and because this is a more informal children's concert, we are planning to use pastel-colored heavy paper unfolded."

"We will be using quite a few instruments, a brass quartet for processional and recessional; violin, flute and cello for use with concert anthems."

"The Columbus Boychoir will participate this year by singing a group of songs."

"Note also that the Chapel Choir of Westminster is giving a concert for the parents and visitors while the children rehearse with the director before the festival."

"All of the children participating will receive a souvenir 'choir DOLL' statuette."

A final complete report of the Festivals will be presented at the Annual Alumni Meeting to be held in Princeton, March 31st. See you then.

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National Coordinator

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