

EDITOR'S NOTES

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The Lord has been good to each of us. If you know Christ, you have all blessings in glory promised to you; and here in this life you enjoy the fellowship of a kind, reconciled God. This blessing also falls on the church of Jesus Christ as a whole. In particular, this year we are celebrating God's goodness to a servant of his church, Western Reformed Seminary.

Twenty-five years ago WRS started, meeting in a recently cleared area on the third floor of the Tacoma Bible Presbyterian Church. Since then the Lord has sustained and blessed us. Thirty-nine graduates have gone forth from WRS to serve Christ in our churches and mission agencies. Many others, although not earning a degree, have benefited from our classes over these years. In addition, publications from the seminary have reached thousands of people with the message of the Reformed faith and the needed militant stand for the truth.

In this issue of the *WRS Journal* several of our graduates tell how the Lord is using them, and how their labors are benefited by the training they received in seminary. We have divided them into several categories: pastoring and preaching, biblical counseling, home missions, lay leadership, Christian education, and ministry over the internet. These writers represent our graduates in these and other areas of Christian ministry.

The final article in this issue is a look back. Ninety-nine years ago B. B. Warfield penned a short article describing the curriculum at Princeton Seminary. Actually, it is more a defense of their curriculum. In those days, as in ours, many thought learning Greek and Hebrew and the other academic subjects in seminary was a waste of time, a diversion from more helpful knowledge for ministers. Warfield effectively tied the work of seminary to the high view of the gospel ministry that we hold. His emphasis encourages us at WRS.

We're thankful to God for all our students and graduates. May the Lord continue to use them to his glory, and to bless WRS for the next twenty-five years!