

## THE WORK OF THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

The direction of the educational life of the Seminary, and of matters relating to student welfare and student progress are in the hands of the Educational Department which is headed by the President and the Registrar.

The Registrar handles the day-to-day affairs, is available to give help to married students in finding apartments, to students who have problems about arranging their curriculum, or questions of any sort ~~about~~ in the general progress of the Seminary.

The President's office deals mainly with matters of general policy, and handles all matters where there is any possibility of an exception to established methods of carrying on.

During its thirty years history the Seminary has had four treasurers and four registrars. It is perhaps fortunate that in all this time it has had only one president. This means that all the experience of handling situations and problems that have occurred during the thirty years is available in helping to handle present problems.

Dr. MacRae often says that if a problem is not handled right in the first place it is apt to make such difficulties that it will take many times as long to straighten it <sup>out</sup> as if the time had been taken to think it through thoroughly right at the beginning.

In the early days of the Seminary Dr. MacRae used to often feel that as matters came, one after another, one of the most important duties of an administrator is to determine which are the problems which, if left to themselves, will straighten themselves out, and almost anything that one does makes the problem worse, and which are the problems that must be handled immediately or they will grow and become serious. He sometimes used to say that determination of which problems are in which class was a much harder problem than <sup>knowing</sup> ~~knowing~~ <sup>those</sup> what to do with problems that need to be handled.