

EDITORIAL

Among the guests at our 23rd meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society will be Dr. Samuel R. Kulling of Basel, Switzerland. He comes to us as president of a newly established seminary presently in its second year.

The *Freie Evangelisch-Theologische Akademie* (Free Evangelical Theological Seminary) opened October 4, 1970, with many European evangelical leaders present. Dr. Rene Pache, author of the book, *The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible*, gave the dedicatory address. A capacity class of 25 students registered for the first year with an additional 25 entering last September. The enrollment of 50 represents eight countries and four continents.

Unique in German speaking Europe is a seminary that is distinguished for an unimpeachable stand for the full Biblical verbal inspiration of the Scripture. On a continent where the impact of socialism has reduced all higher theological centers of learning to liberal or radical tax supported instruments of the state, this seminary operates independent of control by the state or liberal organizations. Financially, it accepts the voluntary support of those who regard its commitment to the Bible worthy of their gifts.

Scholastically it has high standards. Only applicants who have passed the *Abiter*, which is equal to completion of two years of college or university, are matriculated. Greek and Hebrew are also basic requirements for the three year study program. This high educational standard offers the students a theological graduate level preparation for effective service in the German speaking areas of Europe.

Dr. Kulling is author of *Zur Datierung der P Stucke in Genesis*, in which he delineates with scholarly diligence the basis for dating Genesis 17 on the basis of the cultural and linguistic context during Old Testament times. Since this book was published in German, we anticipate that Dr. Kulling will share with our society the basic thesis of his book.

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