

Memorial: CLARENCE BOUMA, 1891-1962

Clarence Bouma died on August 12, 1962 at the age of seventy-one. He was born in the Netherlands in 1891 and had come to the United States in 1905. He studied at Calvin College and Seminary, then at Princeton Seminary, Princeton University, and Harvard Divinity School where he obtained the Doctorate of Theology in 1921. His thesis was entitled, "Theism and Personalism." On a graduate fellowship, he traveled to Berlin and Amsterdam to carry post-graduate work. After a brief pastorate in the Summer Street Christian Reformed Church at Passaic, New Jersey, he accepted in 1924 a call to the Chair of Dogmatics at Calvin Theological Seminary. Soon thereafter he opted to teach in the area of Apologetics and Ethics, a new chair at Calvin, and thus opened the door for Professor Berkhof to move from New Testament to Dogmatics. For almost thirty years, he taught at Calvin until March, 1951, when his ministry was interrupted by ill health.

Professor Bouma was highly appreciated for the breadth of his scholarship, for the incisiveness of his mind, and for the stalwart character of his Evangelical faith. He was much in demand as a lecturer and as a preacher. From 1935 to 1951, he was the editor of *The Calvin Forum*, a review which did much to contribute to closer relationships among Calvinists of various denominations the world over.

Dr. Bouma was the first president of the Evangelical Theological Society, being elected to that office in the charter meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1949. In this connection, he expressed especially strong support for the simple and explicit statement of faith as recorded in the Constitution of the Society. He also did preside at the second meeting in New York in 1950, in which the central topic of discussion was the Revelation and Inspiration of Holy Scripture. In 1940, Dr. Bouma was for one semester visiting professor at Gordon College and Divinity School. He was a member of the Reformed Ecumenical Synods of 1946 and 1949. His literary output remained unfortunately small. He prepared a brief *Theological Bibliography* (1925) and contributed occasionally to scholarly periodicals such as *The Princeton Theological Review* and *The Journal of Religion*. Dr. Bouma was the father of two daughters, Mrs. Dick L. Van Halsema and Mrs. John Bangma, who together with his widow survive him. The latter years of his life had been darkened by a very serious impairment of his health, which he bore with great courage and faith. In him the Evangelical Theological Society is losing a resourceful and richly endowed leader of the first hour.

Memorial: CHARLES ASHWORTH NASH, 1888-1963

The Rev. Charles Ashworth Nash, Th.D., professor emeritus of historical theology at Dallas Theological Seminary and Graduate School of Theology since 1960, died March 2, 1963, at the age of 74. He had been in failing health for some months.

Born in Australia where he was reared on a farm, Dr. Nash engaged in lay preaching among the Methodists with whom he fellowshipped in his youth. With a brother and two friends, he came to the United States in 1913 to attend the Moody Bible Institute, graduating in 1915. That same year he was ordained in the Congregational Church and served several pastorates in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and Wyoming until 1923, when he joined the Southern Presbyterian Church. During these years he married and his wife survives. He served the Oaklawn Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas, from 1923 to 1927. This was followed by a lengthy visit with his wife to his homeland.

Upon returning to the United States, Dr. Nash pursued his education. He received the A.B. degree from the University of Texas and the B.D. degree from Austin Presbyterian Seminary in 1932, the Th.M. degree from Evangelical Theological College (later Dallas Theological Seminary) in 1932, and the Th.D. degree from Dallas Seminary in 1936. During these years he served churches in Giddings and LaGrange, Texas, and in 1934 he followed Dr. Carroll as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Marshall, Texas serving until 1943.

Dr. Nash began his teaching career at Dallas Theological Seminary in 1936, serving as Professor of Historical Theology and Homiletics until 1949, and as Professor of Historical Theology from 1949 to 1960. He was Registrar from 1945 to 1954 and a member of the Board of Incorporate Members from 1946 to 1961.

Dr. Nash was marked by a rich personal spiritual life, a faithfulness to the Lord and to those he served, and a pastor's concern and wisdom as a counselor of students. He has an abundant reward.