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# EDITORIAL



With this issue we begin our second year of publishing Pro Rege, the quarterly faculty publication of Dordt College.

Our first year was a new, exciting, and blessed experience. We can look back on that year with gratitude and a measure of satisfaction. Faculty members cooperated by presenting thought-provoking articles. There was meaningful response from some of our readers. Discussion among faculty and students was enhanced. And, above all, we were able to seize upon an opportunity to reflect the College's concern for the promotion of Scripturally-oriented higher education on behalf of our King and His Kingdom.

It is our intention to continue and to build upon that which has been begun. For that reason especially we are appreciative of President Haart's willingness to make available a copy of his convocation address. This particular address presents a call to excellence in scholarship. But, more importantly, it urges all of us involved in the academic enterprise at Dordt College to rededicate ourselves to united faith in Christ and obedience to His Word. We pray that a positive response to this challenge may reflect itself on our campus and in this publication to the glory of His Name. We also hope that, as convocation is an annual event with which our academic year is begun, the President's convocation address will be published annually in Pro Rege.

Two feature articles also appear in this issue. The article by Professor John Vander Stelt was promised and described in a previous issue. While we do not want to repeat what was written at that time, we do wish to note Vander Stelt's description of the dualism which has gripped much of our thinking and acting

in the past, and also his presentation of the resolution of this problem as it is found in the unity of God and His Word. His article calls for serious consideration from the entire Christian community as it summons us to live all of life in our Father's world in obedience to His Word.

That this is our Father's world is also clearly reflected in the article by Rev. Richard Hodgson. There is no doubt that the secular mind propounds a "uniformitarianism" which the Christian mind cannot accept. But our reaction to the secular misuse of what we recognize to be God's laws for His creation, must not drive us to an unfounded rejection or neglect of what amounts to God's faithfulness to His creation and His laws for creation. It is that very faithfulness of God which makes our scientific activity possible. This Hodgson makes abundantly clear.

In conclusion, we note two changes in Pro Rege's Editorial Board. Because of the press of other duties, Dr. Samuel Van Houte has resigned his board position. We welcome Dr. John Zinkand, professor of Classical Languages, as Van Houte's replacement. Dr. Gerard Van Groningen, Pro Rege's first editor, has moved to Jackson, Mississippi, where he now occupies the chair of Old Testament Studies in the Reformed Theological Seminary. We wish God's blessing on him in his new position. The undersigned has been appointed to take Van Groningen's position. He takes that place with the prayer that in the coming years this publication may, just as in the year past, speak clearly for the King.

J.B.H.