



SUMMARY OF THE CENTENNIAL YEAR

The celebration of the Centennial of Student Religious Activity at The University of Michigan has provided the occasion for a new study of the place of religion in higher education, especially in tax-supported institutions. The culminating events of the Centennial are the publication of the volume RELIGION AND THE STATE UNIVERSITY, on October 31, and the National Consultative Conference, November 16 through 19, 1958. The Centennial has been celebrated in three major ways.

Publications:

RELIGIOUS COOPERATION IN STATE UNIVERSITIES, by Seymour A. Smith. Published by the Office of Religious Affairs, The University of Michigan, 1957.

A CENTURY OF RELIGION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, by C. Grey Austin. Published by the Office of Religious Affairs, The University of Michigan, 1957.

RELIGION AND THE STATE UNIVERSITY, edited by Erich A. Walter. Published by The University of Michigan Press, 1958.

Summer Session, 1958:

Under the impetus provided by the Centennial, the theme chosen for the lectures, concerts, exhibits, and other special events of the 1958 Summer Session was "Religion in Contemporary Society." The program included lectures by Dr. Harlan Hatcher, Professors H. Richard Niebuhr, Seward Hiltner, Arthur F. Wright, The Reverend George A. Buttrick, Mr. Alden B. Dow, and others.

During the Summer Session, a Workshop in Religious Counseling on the State University Campus was presented under the sponsorship of the Office of Religious Affairs and the Counseling Division of the University's Bureau of Psychological Services. Workshop

A Convocation

CELEBRATING
ONE HUNDRED YEARS
OF STUDENT
RELIGIOUS WORK



NOVEMBER 19, 1958



RELIGION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

An Historical Note

The Office of Religious Affairs, established in May, 1956, is the result of ninety-nine years of University interest in the organized religious activity of its students. In January, 1858, one of the earliest college YMCA's was founded at Michigan. Within two years it had become the Student Christian Association in order to be ready to include women when they were admitted to the University. The SCA, along with the YMCA, re-established in 1895, and the YWCA, 1901, had an eighty-year record of student initiative and enterprise perhaps unequaled in any other university. For many years it was the largest college Christian Association in the country, numbering from 1,600 to 1,800 members in the early years of this century.

In addition to its contribution to the religious life of students and to the Christian missionary enterprise, the Christian Association initiated and provided many services now recognized as essential to the life of the University. Among these are the orientation of new students, the Freshman Handbook, employment bureau, room listing, Student Directory, book exchange, English language classes for foreign students, and the Fresh Air Camp for underprivileged boys.

The University of Michigan has also been characterized by Dr. Clarence Shedd as a "conspicuous . . . center for experimen-

tation" in the development of the work of the churches with their students. The earliest provision was made by the Unitarians in 1865. By 1905 several buildings had been erected and the first of the full-time University pastors was at work. Today the campus is served by twenty-nine professional religious leaders, working in facilities valued at over two and a half million dollars.

In 1937 financial difficulties forced the SCA to offer its properties, Lane Hall and Newberry Hall, to the University in exchange for an agreement that the University would accept the responsibility for a religious program. Thus the Student Religious Association came into being as one of the earliest university-sponsored interreligious programs. It was one of the responsibilities of the Director of Lane Hall. In 1954 the Director's title was changed to Co-ordinator of Religious Affairs.

Within the past two years the University has made an evaluation of its religious program and has turned full attention to developing a climate in which co-ordination of all parts of an interreligious program can be most effective. It includes those services which make religious resources available to the campus and stimulates their use, emphasizes the relevance of religion to the educational process, and moves toward the effective integration of the intellectual and practical aspects of religion. It gives full attention to the religious foundations as the primary agencies that provide religious resources for the campus.

The Office of Religious Affairs has been established to carry out these functions.

O R D E R O F E X E R C I S E S

HILL AUDITORIUM

11:00 A.M.

PRESIDENT HARLAN HATCHER, Ph.D., Litt.D., LL.D., *presiding*

- Prelude—Fugue in E-flat JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH
- Invocation THE REVEREND HENRY O. YODER, A.B., B.D., D.D.
Pastor, Lutheran Student Center
- Laudes Atque Carmina C. M. GAYLEY and ALBERT A. STANLEY
THE MEN'S GLEE CLUB
- "The Meaning of This Day" STANLEY A. ROCK, '59LSA
President, Council of Student Religious Organizations
- Omnipotence FRANZ SCHUBERT
THE MEN'S GLEE CLUB—JOON MIN KIM, *Tenor Soloist*
- The Convocation Address: "Religion in Today's University"
ARTHUR S. ADAMS, Sc.D., D.C.L., Litt.D., LL.D.
President, American Council on Education
- Hymn from "Voices of Michigan"
J. FRED LAWTON and EARL V. MOORE
THE MEN'S GLEE CLUB
- Benediction HERMAN JACOBS, A.B., M.A., M.S.S., Ed.D.
Director, B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation
- The Yellow and Blue (first verse) *By the Audience*
- Postlude—Carillon de Westminster LOUIS VIERNE
PROFESSOR MARILYN MASON BROWN, D.S.M., *at the organ*
PROFESSOR PHILIP A. DUEY, Ph.D., *Conductor, Men's Glee Club*