

Bloomfield College,

HISTORICAL STATEMENT

Bloomfield College and Seminary was organized as The German Theological School of Newark, N. J., by the Presbytery of Newark on April 22, 1868. Its purpose was to educate a competent ministry for the German people, the principal foreign-speaking immigrants of the time. It was housed in the lecture room of the First German Presbyterian Church of Newark, N. J. The instruction was both academic and theological, covering the course of study usually embraced in high school and seminary.

In 1872 the Institution was moved to Bloomfield, N. J., into the abandoned building of the Bloomfield Academy, built in 1810. This Academy had been an outstanding enterprise among the academies of the day and was closely identified with the Old First Church. It was closed in 1866. The property was acquired at a cost of \$14,000 and in 1891 the adjoining property, now the site of Knox Hall, was purchased.

As other peoples of alien speech came to our shores, the work of Seminary was broadened to include the education of their representatives and the name was changed to Bloomfield Theological Seminary.



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The raising of the educational standards of the ministry led to the inauguration of certain important changes. The academic curriculum was standardized to meet the State high school requirements. A full college course was introduced and approved by the State Board of Education. The right to confer academic and honorary degrees was granted and the corporate name of the Institution was changed to Bloomfeild College and Seminary.

Due to the restriction of immigration and the fact that the vast majority of our student body is now native born, the English language has practically become the sole medium of instruction and the major emphasis is being put upon the preparation of men for the English speaking ministry.

The development of the College Department has necessitated the enlargement of our curriculum to include subjects which will prepare young people for the teaching and other professions as well as for that of the ministry. (For detailed description of the College curriculum consult the announcement of the college.)

