The Installation Service of Paul Hudson Wood



Paul Hudson Wood

Paul Hudson Wood was born in Milford, Pennsylvania, in 1905. The son of a Methodist minister and evangelist, Dr. Wood's youth was active as well as studious. His father, utilizing a life-long hobby, conveniently opened a photographic studio in Wilmore, Kentucky, allowing Dr. Wood to attend Asbury College and Seminary.

He was extremely active in the various campus organizations during college days, and was a member of the Men's Glee Club which presented the first radio broadcast produced by Asbury College. He received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Asbury College in 1925, with a major in English. The following months were spent in classes at the newly instituted Asbury Theological Seminary.

Without completing the first year at the Seminary, Dr. Wood transferred to Ohio State University for graduate study in

English and Speech. He received the Master of Arts degree in 1928 with a specialty in these two areas. At Ohio State he participated in intercollegiate debate, and represented Ohio State in Big Tendebate competition. As a result he was elected to two honorary forensic societies, Delta Sigma Rho, and Forum.

Dr. Wood, following completion of his Master's program, entered the Methodist ministry and served six appointments in the Northeast Ohio Conference. He was an approved Methodist evangelist. He is currently an ordained Elder in effective relationship. A total of sixteen years was spent in the pastorate and seven years in active evangelism. In addition, he served in executive capacities with The Lord's Day Alliance and The Pocket Testament League.

Feeling the urge to go West and the desire for further graduate study, Dr. Wood resumed the doctoral program at Oregon State University in 1949. During those years of study, he also served as Professor of Christian Education at Western Evangelical Seminary, Jennings Lodge, Oregon, and for one year was head of the Department of Psychology and Education at George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon.

In 1954, Dr. Wood was awarded the Doctor of Education degree by Oregon State University. The topic of his dissertation was "Student Personnel Services in Pacific Coast Schools of Ministerial Training." Proficiency in his doctoral studies made possible his election to Kappa Delta Pi, honorary education society.

Dr. Wood has also contributed to various periodicals and has a published volume of radio "seedling sermons" entitled *Quick Queries*. He is presently serving on the research Commission in Christian Education of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Before being elected to the faculty at Asbury Theological Seminary, Dr. Wood served as chairman of the Division of Philosophy and Religion at Taylor University. Dr. Wood will serve as Associate Professor of Christian Education at Asbury Theological Seminary and will act as chairman of the Division of Christian Education.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE PROCESSIONAL

"War March of the Priests"

Mendelssohn

THE HYMN OF PROCLAMATION

"Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" Hanover

THE INVOCATION

Dr. William D. Turkington

THE RECOGNITION OF OFFICIAL GUESTS

THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURES Dr. Z. T. Johnson

THE HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

"The Church's One Foundation"

Aurelia

THE CHARGE TO PROFESSOR-ELECT WOOD -

Dr. Frank Bateman Stanger

THE ACT OF INSTALLATION -

President Julian C. McPheeters

THE RESPONSE

Dr. Paul Hudson Wood

THE ANTHEM ''O God, Our Help In Ages Past'' Arr.
The Seminary Singers

THE CHARGE TO PROFESSOR-ELECT LEWIS Dr. Stanger

THE ACT OF INSTALLATION Dr. McPheeters

THE RESPONSE Dr. Ralph Loren Lewis

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION Dr. Delbert R. Rose

THE HYMN OF DEDICATION

"A Charge To Keep I Have"

Boylston

THE BENEDICTION Dr. Howard F. Shipps

THE RECESSIONAL "Marche Religieuse" Guilmant

THE CHARGE TO THE PROFESSOR-ELECT by Dr. Frank Bateman Stanger

Professor-elect Wood, you have been called to the strategic task of teaching Christian Education in a graduate school of theology and of religious education.

One is immediately reminded of the recently oft-repeated decisive declaration that the future of the world depends upon effective Christian education. Let this sweeping generalization be reviewed in its more particular references.

I charge you to remember that the future of individuals who have become Christians depends in large measure upon Christian education. Therefore, let your teaching of Christian leaders be replete with practical techniques for the achievement of Christian nurture.

I charge you to remember that the future of the Christian Church depends in large measure upon effective programs of Christian education which both prepare for and sustain vital activities of Christian evangelism. Therefore, let your teaching of Christian education be intensely evangelistic in spirit and let it also impart to your students the secret of letting evangelism be supplemented by Christian education.

I charge you, also, to remember that the future of the world depends upon Christian education. We are witnessing a cosmic struggle for the minds of men. The only hope of a despairing world is for mankind to discover "the mind of Christ" and such a transforming discovery is the result of effective Christian education.

As you assume this significant position in Asbury Theological Seminary, I charge you

to "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth";

to teach "the Word; be instant in season, out of season";

to ''grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ'';

to "be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

THE ACT OF INSTALLATION by President Julian C. McPheeters

President McPheeters: Paul Hudson Wood, you have been elected by the Trustees of Asbury Theological Seminary to be Associate Professor of Christian Education. This assignment in a graduate school of theology which is committed to the training of ministers, evangelists, missionaries, and teachers demands spiritual insight and unusual strength. Take courage in these ancient words: "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

Professor-elect Wood: This is my confidence, with God as my refuge and strength.

President McPheeters: I call to your mind words found in Article D of the Articles of Incorporation of Asbury Theological Seminary:

This Seminary will emphasize in its teaching the divine inspiration and infallibility of the Holy Scriptures, the Virgin Birth, Godhead, Vicarious Sufferings, and bodily Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The instruction of this Seminary will fully recognize the fallen estate of mankind, the necessity of individual regeneration, the witness of the Spirit, the remains of the carnal nature, and entire sanctification as a definite second work of grace subsequent to regeneration. The instruction in this Seminary will conform fully to the Wesleyan interpretation of the Scripture. The instructors in this institution will guard with jealous care against any sort of teaching in sympathy with modern liberalism.

Let your faith be re-affirmed in these basic Christian doctrines.

Professor-elect Wood: I do so declare my faith, to the glory of Jesus Christ.

President McPheeters: As Associate Professor of Christian

Education your influence will fall across the paths of many people--students, faculty, friends, members of the church, and many others. Pray that your influence will always be for the glory of Jesus Christ and for the spiritual enrichment of those whom you contact.