

Alumni Letter

Dear Alumni:

Many of us are encouraged to believe God is about to give us another world-wide revival. Signs on every hand seem to point in that direction. Here and there over the nation fires of revival have been breaking out—the Billy Graham meetings in Los Angeles, in Boston and in Columbia, South Carolina; the unusual demonstration of the presence of God in the Wheaton College revival, as well as in other schools.

Then, of course, that which comes closer to our hearts—the marvelous revival at Asbury. We shall never cease to thank God for the privilege we had of being on the scene as a first-hand witness when God moved in and took over that Thursday morning in Chapel. No doubt all of us have witnessed some great revival scenes in our years at Asbury; but everyone who was there will quickly affirm that there was never anything like this.

It was so evident that something was going to happen that day, although it was neither planned nor promoted by anyone. The very atmosphere seemed charged with the power of the Holy Spirit. Like the “rushing mighty wind” which swept over the disciples at Pentecost, something electrifying seemed to grip every heart there that morning. One felt himself lifted into the very heavens. Hearts were melted, stubborn wills broken down, hidden sins uncovered under the impact of the indescribable scenes of blessing and victory which followed.

But for all its unusualness, we are still persuaded that God is waiting to repeat the same thing in place after place, and is already doing so as the good news spreads. Many are praying for it to come. As prayer joins prayer, and fire joins fire, we shall soon see them coming together as one great conflagration of spiritual power, like a prairie fire sweeping the nation.

If the fires have burned low in places let us quickly toss upon them the fuel of our fully consecrated lives until the flames are leaping high, because the Lord has come down in the fire of the Holy Ghost to consume the sacrifice. Then will the people fall down and say, with Israel in the day of Elijah. “The Lord, he is God!”

I can think of no group in a better position to be used in this way by the Lord than the alumni of the Asbury institutions. Do you not agree with me? Then dare we fail Him in this needy hour?

Yours for revival,

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