

Alumni Letter

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That Asbury Theological Seminary holds a unique position among the graduate schools of theology of the nation is an indisputable fact. But we remind ourselves of this fact simply to preface our gratitude to Almighty God, who through the leadership of His Holy Spirit and gracious material blessing has prospered the institution and firmly established its place of service for the Kingdom of God. Every alumnus of the Seminary must feel a certain justifiable pride and personal satisfaction in witnessing the unusual growth of the school during the past few years.

As the new president of the Alumni Association, I want to acknowledge my gratitude to God for the privilege of attending the Seminary. The school has made a contribution to my ministry which I am sure I could have received nowhere else. In this letter I also wish to express my thanks to you for the unexpected honor thrust upon me in electing me to this office. I regret that circumstances kept me from attending the business session of the Alumni Association. If I could have been there to "defend" myself I believe I could have pointed you to others who could more capably fill the office. But, be that as it may, I assure you I shall personally do all I can to further the varied interests of the Alumni Association and of the Seminary we so proudly support.

The Alumni Association has been particularly fortunate in these years of its incipiency to have had the thoroughly capable and truly devoted leadership of Dr. Don A. Morris as its president. His quick grasp of the needs and problems of the hour, as well as his keen insight into the future, helped to put the Association on a firm foundation. And I would not forget the wheel horse of the organization, Dr. Harold Greenlee, our secretary-treasurer. I am thankful there is no three-year limit on his office!

Two or three things of immediate importance loom up in my mind at this moment. We have been asked by Dr. McPheeters and the Seminary Board of Trustees to pledge ourselves to try to raise \$25,000 for the building fund. I assume you have been made familiar with this through the letter already circulated to the alumni. There is surely something which each of us can do toward this. If you cannot collect any large sum yourself perhaps you know of people of means to whom our field men might be directed. Another important matter is Life Membership in the Alumni Association. Have you paid, or started paying, toward yours? Let us try to make this a record year.

During the coming year I hope to come in contact with many of you as we travel across the country. If you have any suggestions for the betterment of our organization, or for the furthering of our plans, do not hesitate to write me, or speak to me about it when we see each other. Let us Advance with Asbury Seminary!