

Alumni Letter

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There are many things of which one might well write that would be of social interest to all alumni of Asbury Theological Seminary. A report of the recent ministers' conference would be worthy of the entire space allotted here to our Association. It was a truly inspiring conference. Or, some account of the building program at our *alma mater* might well be given here. A visit to Wilmore would delight anyone as he looked upon the new buildings of our Seminary. Again, the story of the travels of our President, Dr. J. C. McPheeters, and his many fine and helpful contacts for the Seminary would be of interest to all alumni.

But there is one thing of which we must specifically write. It is the program of the coming Commencement season. The "great day of the feast" is to be on Sunday, May 29. Baccalaureate services are scheduled for the morning, and the Seminary graduation will take place at the evening hour. This is an occasion when all alumni ought to be present. The day following is to be designated as our own day, Alumni Day! While all the plans are not complete, it can be said that we are arranging for an alumni service with an outstanding special speaker for the occasion. Following this service, we will hold our annual business meeting.

This business session is of special interest for two reasons. First, we will possibly consider a plan whereby the Alumni Association will participate in the election of one member of the Seminary Board of Trustees annually. Such a plan will be most wholesome for the Seminary, as well as an important feature of our annual alumni day. It will effect a closer co-operation between the administration and the alumni, as well as promote interest among alumni in the seminary and all its affairs. It is therefore advisable that we have a large attendance at this coming Commencement season.

Secondly, we must elect a new President for our Association. The constitution distinctly states that a president can serve for only three consecutive years. This is a very commendable arrangement. Consequently, every alumnus ought to feel very keenly the need of his presence in Wilmore for May 29 and 30.

And now, please indulge me a more personal word. I am about to sing my "swan song." As your alumni president it has been my happy privilege to be responsible for this page during my term of office. This will be my last such opportunity to greet you through this fine publication. Let me commend both this publication and the institution it represents once again to all of you. My heart and soul are wrapped up in the progress and future of the institution we all love, Asbury Theological Seminary. It is my hope that I shall be able to greet the largest number of alumni ever to attend the Seminary commencement exercises when we meet together, D.V., next May.