

The President's Letter

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The Fourth Annual Ministers' Conference, featuring the Lizzie H. Glide lectures, was held during the closing weeks of the winter quarter, February 24-26. Bishop Fred P. Corson delivered five lectures on the theme, "The Preacher's Parable." Bishop L. R. Marston delivered five lectures on the theme, "The Wesleyan Witness in This Age."

Dr. Ralph Earle, Professor of Biblical Literature, Nazarene Theological Seminary, lectured on, "Recent Religious Literature" and taught a class on "Christian Perfection in the Light of Modern Religious Trends." Dr. Hildreth M. Cross, Professor of Psychology at Asbury College, taught a class on "Basic Principles of Psychology Useful to the Pastor." Dr. W. W. Holland, Professor of Religion and Social Studies in Asbury College, taught a class on "The Modern Pastor and Evangelism." Dr. W. C. Mavis, Dean of John Wesley Seminary Foundation and Professor of Pastoral Counseling at Asbury Theological Seminary, taught a class on "The New Testament Pattern of the Christian Ministry."

Dr. Alexander Reid of the Belgian Congo gave the missionary address. Mr. Perry Hayden, an outstanding Christian layman of Tecumseh, Michigan, showed his remarkable motion picture in color on "God Is My Landlord." He also conducted a round-table hour on the same theme. The Minister's Conference drew an attendance from a distance, from ten states and thirteen denominations.

The official opening of the Henry Clay Morrison Memorial Administration Building was held during the conference with Dr. John Paul delivering the message. The opening of this new building marks the passing of another important milepost in the progress of the seminary. A short service was held in the main lobby of the building, preceding Dr. Paul's address at the Methodist Church. Splendid paintings of both Dr. and Mrs. Morrison hang in the main lobby. The spiritual presence of both of these great benefactors of the seminary was distinctly felt by those present. Dr. Morrison's favorite song, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks," was sung with deep feeling. The singing seemed to be an expression of appreciation for his remarkable life of devotion and consecration to the cause of Christ.

Dr. John Paul's address, following the service in the main lobby of the new building, was a remarkable combination of philosophy, humor and penetrating insight into the life and times of Dr. H. C. Morrison. Dr. Paul was intimately associated with Dr. Morrison in his work for more than forty years.

The opening convocation of the John Wesley Seminary Foundation of the Free Methodist Church was held on February the 23rd and 24th, preceding the opening of the Ministers' Conference. The leaders and the speakers in connection with this program included Bishop M. D. Ormston, Bishop J. P. Taylor, Bishop L. R. Marston, Dean W. C. Mavis, Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, President of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Dr. R. L. Decker, President, National Association of Evangelicals, Dean W. D. Turkington, Dr. Don Morris, Rev. Byron Lamson, Rev. R. B. Campbell, Rev. Ernest Keasling, President Z. T. Johnson, and Presi-

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dent J. C. McPheeters. The opening convocation of the John Wesley Seminary Foundation marked the passing of still another milepost in the progress of the seminary.

A welcome guest of the seminary in the month of December was Henry Joel Cadbury, Hollis Professor of Divinity at Harvard University, Chairman of the American Friends' Service Committee, and member of the Board of Translation of the American Standard Version of the New Testament. Dr. Cadbury spoke to the student body on "Problems in Connection with the Translation of the American Standard Version of the New Testament."

Dr. Wilhelm Pauck, Professor of Church History in the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, delivered two addresses on the occasion of the Kentucky-Tennessee Area Interseminary Conference at Asbury Seminary, January 8th. This conference brought a splendid group of guests to our campus.

The students of Asbury Theological Seminary and faculty have been active in the matter of collection and forwarding of relief to needy people in Germany. In addition to the amount of well over a thousand dollars for food, (chiefly raised through the cooperation of students, faculty and friends, these being administered through CARE), several hundred pounds of clothing have been sent to needy pastors and theological teachers.

The annual concert tour of the Seminary Glee Club was made at the close of the winter quarter. The club consists of 28 voices under the direction of Professor Rodney Long with Don Martin as the pianist. Pre-tour concerts were given in Glenwood, Indiana, Quincy, Ohio, and the Annual Ministers' Conference at Wilmore. The tour of the club this year was a part of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the seminary. It was one of the most extensive tours that the club has ever made, including the states of Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas, Arizona, California, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Illinois, making a total of 12 states including the pre-tour concerts in Indiana and Ohio. Many reports have been received expressing high satisfaction with the program given by the club. There were numerous seekers in the services and quite a number of conversions in connection with the programs. The heart-warming testimony given in connection with each program, will remain as an abiding contribution to the spiritual life of the communities and cities where the club appeared.

The immediate goal in our building program is the completion of the "Aunt Betty" Morrison Memorial Apartment House and the central heating plant. The work is progressing on these buildings with a view to having them completed by the opening of the fall quarter.

The architect's plans have been completed for the Estes Chapel, and the plans have been submitted to contractors for bids. The building committee is highly pleased with the plans. The new chapel will have a seating capacity of 750.

There are seventy members in the graduating class this year. Commencement exercises will be held in the Hughes Auditorium on Sunday evening, May 30th. Bishop Ralph S. Cushman will be the commencement speaker. The seminary also participates in the combined baccalaureate service at Asbury College on Sunday morning, May 30th, when Bishop Charles C. Selecman will deliver the sermon. Alumni Day for the seminary will be held on Monday, May 31st.