

# *Alumni Letter--*

## INSEPARABLY CONNECTED

This opportunity to send greetings to all Alumni finds all of the officers of the Association under a profound conviction that Asbury Theological Seminary is furnishing to this nation and to the world that which is needed most, in the exodus of young, Spirit-filled men and women from her class-rooms to carry forth the life-giving Gospel of our Lord. We rejoice together in the increased number knocking at her doors, seeking preparation for this task.

To us who now are counted as the Alumni comes with new meaning the obligation that is ours to "hold up the hands" of the Seminary administration, her faculty and student body. We have seen and felt the impact of the Gospel upon needy hearts. We give praise to our Lord for these evidences that Asbury Seminary, through its consecrated faculty, gave to us the true Gospel to preach. What we received, we want to see perpetuated for each succeeding generation. Therefore, an Alumni Association becomes an important factor for the successful ongoing of an institution such as our Seminary, welded together with it in thought and purpose.

The Alumni Association is just a little less than one year old, but already we have been blessed of God in our every effort to walk hand in hand with our Seminary. Those who were able to be present at the time of organization last Commencement will count it as one of the most inspiring and historic occasions of our life and ministry. We could sense and feel the air of friendliness and fellowship of the brethren and somehow visualize, as we stood and noted the building construction program underway, that God is to use the Seminary in far greater measure than heretofore. Hearing the financial report and noting the gracious gifts of able friends strengthened our belief in the promise of Jesus, when he said: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." May we as Alumni fulfill the conditions of this great promise!

Most of us have learned since leaving Asbury, that one of the first requirements for a successful ministry in the ability to plan creatively. Thus we need to approach our second annual meeting with a number of objectives filled with meaning and usefulness in our mutual relationship with the Seminary. Your Board of Directors is now preparing for an inspiring Seminary Alumni Day. Dr. Clyde Meredith, the president of Taylor University, is to be our speaker. We feel that at the Annual Business Meeting, our Alumni will face their most challenging opportunity. The date is Saturday, May 31st, and the day is to be climaxed by the Annual Seminary Supper with its attendant fellowship. None of us will want to miss it, and it is to be hoped that we will be prepared at that time to meet also the challenge of our time to the Alumni Association.

In Africa, in India, in China, in Alaska, and all through this nation, prayer ascends daily from and on behalf of the Asbury family. We are a group encompassing a globe, with a circuit to the ends of the earth. If we cannot all be present for the second meeting of our newly formed Association, we can all

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ments of their hypotheses. Therefore this is no moment for panic among the adherents of the historic Christian system. Doubtless aggressive and affirmative declaration of the Christian Gospel is the first line of offense. Behind this line is needed an army of sober thinkers who dare to challenge the theories of our so-called scientific mentality with a reverent and carefully wrought assertion of the "thus saith the Lord" at the points of the crucial issues in the understanding of the world.

In conclusion let it be said that conflicts between religion and science have sometimes been the outcome of

tension in peripheral and incidental matters. There is need for a recognition of the identity and character of the real issues. There may be a conflict between the facts of science and the theories of religion; there may be a conflict between the theories of science and the facts of religion; there may be conflict between the theories of science and the theories of religion; but there can be no conflict between the facts of science and the facts of religion. Never has the need been greater than now for discrimination between facts and theories, or for a recognition that God is God of the *one world* of science and religion.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER (Concluded from page 1)

Dean William D. Turkington reports that the advance registrations for the fall quarter, opening in September, are in excess of any previous year at this time. We are deeply indebted to those who pray for the seminary daily for the increasing growth of the institution. We have no greater assets than the prayers of our friends.

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be knit together in spiritual fellowship, praying constantly for the welfare of two organizations brought together in inseparable bonds. We can be on the alert to seek out and guide young men and women with the divine call upon their lives, to the place where we know they will develop into the warm-hearted zealous servants of God, intellectually equipped to face a world that desperately needs the message of Asbury Seminary. Our influence and recommendations can carry great weight in making and holding new friends for an ever increasing flow of scholarship gifts which will enable these young persons to pursue their training.

Inseparably connected, let us pray that the bonds of union will be cemented even closer. Join us in the second meeting of the Alumni Association on May 31st.

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