

The President's Letter

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We are in the midst of the winter revival as *The Seminarian* goes to press. Dr. Wayne Lamb, Pastor of the Union Avenue Methodist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, is the preacher for the revival services. Dr. Lamb is one of the outstanding evangelistic leaders of Methodism. He is Secretary of Evangelism for the Memphis Conference. He is the pastor of a great church, which is enjoying remarkable growth under his ministry, having received 500 new members into the church during the past 19 months.

In Dr. Lamb we find a happy combination of pulpit and visitation evangelism. He is a winsome gospel preacher and knows how to draw the net at the close of each message. The long altar in the Methodist church has been well filled with seekers each night.

Destinies of far-reaching consequences are being determined in these revival services. It was on this campus, when the college and seminary were one institution, that E. Stanley Jones came to his personal Pentecost. It was on this campus that Dr. Wayne Lamb came to his personal Pentecost, who is the preacher in the present revival. It was here that a host of young men in other days, many of whom are now outstanding leaders in the church, felt the quickening of the revival fires of the Holy Spirit, which has proven to be a beacon light in their ministry across the pathway of the years.

We rejoice that the revival fires are still burning on the campuses of Asbury College and Asbury Theological Seminary. The destinies which are being determined in these revivals will touch many lands in the years to come through the lives of young men and women who go out to preach the gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The visitation evangelism in connection with the revival services under the leadership of Dr. Lamb has proven to be quite effective. Teams have been sent out two-by-two each day into the homes. More than 200 prospects were compiled by the pastor of the Methodist Church, Rev. R. F. Ockerman, before the revival services began. These visitation teams have been blessed of God and there have been numerous conversions in the homes of the people.

One of the most important phases in the theological training of a young minister, is in the holy art of soul winning. Asbury Theological Seminary takes the position that there is no incompatibility between scholarship and revivalism. In fact, it is our conviction that the two should be inseparably linked together in a mighty crusade for a great spiritual revival to sweep over the nation and around the world.