

Alumni Letter

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I came away from the recent Ministers' Conference with my heart aglow with inspiration and blessing. I also came away with the strengthened conviction that Asbury Theological Seminary is coming into full maturity, fully capable of taking a place alongside the leading seminaries of our nation.

There may have been a time, some years ago, when some people looked somewhat dubiously upon the idea of founding a graduate seminary at Asbury. We know now that the vision which Dr. Morrison had in his heart of such a school was truly inspired of God. And God has been assisting, step by step, toward the materialization of that dream.

No one will deny that the school has had, and still has its growing pains. We would probably feel that all was not quite normal if this were not true. Just like a normal child growing up physically and mentally we have our problems. But, again, like the child with a good healthy body, we pass from one stage to another a little stronger than we were before, and more capable of meeting other situations as they arise.

Sometimes a boy is embarrassed by his rapid growth because he so soon outgrows his clothes. And sometimes the parents are embarrassed by the strain on the family budget. The Seminary is in something of the same position. We are definitely embarrassed by our success. It is painful to note our limited facilities and cramped condition in face of the recent increases in enrollment, and because many others who knock at our doors for admission must be turned away. We are literally "bursting out at the seams"!

We have reason to thank God for our fine president, Dr. McPheeters, and for our excellent faculty. Their leadership in administrative affairs and their maintenance of high scholastic standards form the backbone of our present high rating. Let us now pray that their excellence may be matched by the kind of material support from the lovers of the message of scriptural holiness which will enable the school to continue its unprecedented growth.

It was a pleasure to have fellowship with so many of the alumni during Ministers' Conference. The Board of Directors met in a business session Wednesday afternoon to consider several important pieces of business. You will be hearing about some of these matters shortly by mail, and other items will be brought before you at the annual alumni meeting, which will be Monday, May 29, at 10:30 a. m. I might also add that the 29th is Seminary Alumni Day as well. We have secured Hughes Auditorium for the 1:30 service that day. The speaker will be announced later. We shall be looking forward to seeing you then.