The President's Letter

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The enrollment for the fall quarter at Asbury Theological Seminary is 318. The peak enrollment for the previous year was 282. The student body comes from 83 colleges and universities, 28 denominations, 41 states and seven foreign countries.

A twenty-four hour vigil of prayer was observed during the week following registration. Dr. Lela McConnell, President and founder of the Mount Carmel School, in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky was the guest speaker at two of the main public services. Dr. R. F. Ockerman, pastor of the Methodist Church at Wilmore, spoke at one of the main public services.

One of the significant events of the year in the total Asbury program, is the fall revival on the campus of Asbury College, in which the town of Wilmore and the seminary participate with the college. Dr. John R. Church was the Evangelist for the revival which was held in October. The revival proved to be another of the great revivals in Asbury history. The long altar in the Hughes auditorium was crowded with seekers night after night. Pentecost was manifest in reality.

For many years, the town of Wilmore and the two Asbury institutions have periodically been confronted with a shortage of water. Asbury College owns the water system and has supplied the town and the seminary with water. A great supply, coming from wells, proved to be inadequate in times of drought. The shortage of water proved to be quite serious on a number of occasions, even to the point of threatening the closing of both institutions.

The water situation has at last been solved through the timely efforts of Dr. Z. T. Johnson, President of Asbury College, and the Board of Trustees of the College. A new water system, the latest in design and efficiency, supplied with water from the Kentucky River, has been installed. The new water plant was installed during the summer months and made ready by the opening of the fall quarter, under the direct supervision of Dr. Z. T. Johnson. The town and the seminary are deeply grateful to Dr. Johnson and the Board of Trustees of the College for this splendid achievement. The new water system was installed at a cost of approximately $150,000.

Five new students have been enrolled from other countries, one coming from Norway, one from Korea, one from Japan, and two from India. We anticipate a further increase in enrollment from other countries at the opening of the winter quarter in January.
A second phase of the new building program of the seminary was launched at the June commencement. The new campaign is for the erection of the chapel and the library building. The campaign was initiated with cash and pledges totaling $195,000. The student body, since the initiation of the campaign, has assumed an undertaking of $33,000. The goal for the new campaign is $600,000.

The leader for the Holiness Emphasis Week, November 8-11, was Bishop C. V. Fairbairn. The annual ministers' conference will be held January 31-February 2. The Lizzie H. Glide Lectures for the conference will be delivered by Bishop J. Paul Taylor and Bishop Paul B. Kern.

The new staff members coming to the seminary this year, include: Susan B. Schultz, A. B., M. S. in L. S., Librarian, Jack Howard Goodwin, A. B., M. S. in L. S., Head Cataloger, A. Warnock, A. B., M. A., Assistant Cataloger, Beulah Bevins, A. B., Registrar, Barton Fletcher, A. B. Assistant in Music, and Robert Fraley, A. B. Assistant to the President in the Field.

The days ahead hold an increasing challenge for the seminary. We request the prayers of the readers of The Seminarian, that we may respond to this challenge under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.