

The President's Letter

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Both Asbury College and Asbury Theological Seminary participate in the winter evangelistic services which are held each year in the month of January at the Methodist Church in Wilmore. The meetings this year were held January 12 - 26 with Reverend James Gibson of Fort Thomas, Kentucky, as the evangelist, and Mr. E. Clay Milby of Arkansas, as the song leader. Overflow crowds characterized the meetings from the beginning. There were seekers at every night service during the entire period of fifteen days.

Dr. Z. T. Johnson, president of Asbury College, in a report of the meeting in the *Pentecostal Herald*, says: "The Church, College, and Seminary officials think that this meeting was one of the best that has been held in many years and give praise to God for the mighty demonstrations of the Spirit as He worked in our midst. On some occasions the services seemed like a veritable Pentecost and the power of God was marvelous to behold."

The third annual Ministers Conference was held February the 25th, 26th, and 27th. The Lizzie H. Glide lectures for the conference were given by Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes and Dr. Robert P. Shuler. The instructors for the classes of the conference were: Dr. Harold C. Mason, Professor of Christian Education in Northern Baptist Theological Seminary; Dr. Ralph Earle, Professor of Biblical Literature, Nazarene Theological Seminary; Dr. Cecil B. Hamann, Professor of Science, Asbury College; Dr. George A. Turner, Professor of English Bible at Asbury Theological Seminary. Dr. Earle was also the leader for the hour on "Recent Religious Literature." Dr. I. M. Hargett, pastor of the Fourth Avenue Methodist Church in Louisville, gave the address on evangelism. The missionary address was given by Rev. Charles P. Culver, missionary to China and field representative of the Oriental Missionary Society.

The attendance at the conference was beyond the capacity for entertainment in the town of Wilmore, and it became necessary to secure entertainment for guests in the neighboring towns of Nicholasville and Lexington. A wide area of territory was represented by those in attendance, extending from New York to Texas and from Colorado to Florida.

A twenty-four hour period of continuous prayer was held the week preceding the Ministers Conference. The influence of the day of prayer was one of the contributing factors to the success of the conference.

Two of the four new seminary buildings are now well under construction. The work on these buildings, the H. C. Morrison Administration building, and the "Bettie" Morrison Memorial Hall, is being rushed for completion for the opening of the fall quarter in September. The completion of these two buildings will bring great relief in the matter of much needed additional room.

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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.

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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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