

# The President's Letter\*

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Rapid transformations are now being made on the campus of Asbury Theological Seminary. An expenditure of approximately thirty thousand dollars has been made in securing additional property for the enlargement of the campus. The enlargement of the campus grew out of the necessity for additional room for the new building program.

Three of the new buildings are to be grouped together with connecting corridors in the Morrison Quadrangle. The central building will be the Morrison Memorial Administration Building. The other two buildings of the quadrangle will be a library building for fifty thousand volumes, and a Chapel with a seating capacity of five hundred. The fourth building will be a memorial to Mrs. H. C. Morrison, affectionately known as "Aunt Betty."

The Administration Building will cost approximately one hundred fifty thousand dollars. The foundation for this building is now complete and the structural steel is being erected for the remaining stories. The foundation for the Memorial Building to Mrs. Morrison, which is an apartment house for married students, is in the course of construction. The excavation has been made for the foundation of the Library Building. The initial construction on the Chapel is expected to begin during the summer months.

The town of Wilmore has given to the Seminary a valuable lot for the central heating plant which will be built at a cost of twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars. The over all cost of this entire building program is expected to run well over half a million dollars.

Another important development on the new and enlarged campus is the erection of twenty government housing units for GI men. These units will be ready for occupancy by the fall term.

New developments in the Library are among the most significant advances being made by the Seminary. More than ten thousand volumes have been added to the library within the past eighteen months. In addition to these ten thousand volumes which have been added, we now have more than three thousand volumes on order. The library staff deserves the highest commendation for what has been achieved.

New additions to the faculty include Wilder R. Reynolds, Ph.D., who will head the department of Church History, and James W. Robertson, Ph.D., who will be associate professor in the department of Applied Theology. A new department of spiritual counseling for the student body has been created. Clarence Hunter, A.B., B.D., has been employed as

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ogy. The former must ultimately destroy reason; the latter, in rejecting autonomous reason, restores reason to its proper place.

Sufficient has been said concerning the Westminster volume to indicate two things: first that there are some elements with which not all would be in full agreement, these elements being those growing out of the specifically Calvinistic views of the writers; and second, that the book contains very much that is to be appre-

ciated and studied with care. In the opinion of the writer, the authors indicate a high degree of reserve at points upon which much remains yet to be said. They are seeking (and it seems with much success) to lay the ghosts which have risen at the mention of the words 'inspiration' and 'authority,' and in so doing have pointed the way to a wholesome conservatism in the understanding of the Bible.

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spiritual counselor. His work will begin with the fall term.

The increase in enrollment of the student body for the present year is thirty-one per cent. The increase for each of the two preceding years was twenty-five per cent. The overflow conditions have made it necessary to seek new quarters for the chapel services. The chapel services are now being held in the Presbyterian Church which is adjacent to the campus.

A Holiness Emphasis Week was sponsored by the student body during the spring quarter with Dr. J. L. Brasher as the leader. The results were so gratifying that the students have decided to make Holiness Emphasis Week an annual event in the student activities. A week-end retreat was held for the women students during the spring quarter with very gratifying results in deepening the spiritual life of those who attended. This is another feature which promises to become an annual event. More than three hundred out-of-town ministers and laymen attended the second annual Minister's Conference in February. The attendants at this conference came from New York to Louisiana and most of the intervening states. There is a spirit of alertness on the part of the faculty and the entire student body to the new day of progress and advancement which has come to Asbury Theological Seminary.