

## *From the Dean's Office*

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Asbury Theological Seminary, now in the 23rd year of her history, is generally recognized as among the younger of the theological schools of America. The institution, however, has had a rapid growth. At first being closely integrated with Asbury College in her purposes and operation, she was not immediately recognized as an institution of merit in her own right. By 1939 the Seminary came to a position of absolute independence in charter, purposes, and operation; and soon the recognition of her worth became patent to all who made inquiry into her qualifications. Today she is a member of the American Association of Theological Schools and is asking accreditation of the Association as soon as she is deemed worthy.

The Seminary has a staff of instruction comparable to that of any young institution of its size. It has an enrollment which places her among the ten largest institutions of its kind in the Association of Theological Schools. Its enrollment has been making a 25% gain each year for the past five years.

The character of the institution is meeting with a happy response by all lovers of a pure Gospel, the proclamation of which brings sinning men and women into vital relation with the Savior of Mankind, creative of a new life in Christ Jesus.

A genuine test of the character of the work done is found in the fact that the scholarships coming as gifts for this work have not only kept pace with the increasing enrollment, but have exceeded in number the enrollment throughout the entire history of this movement.

Her endowment fund has made such rapid advancement as that already about \$600,000 now obtain in that fund.

A building is now under way which is extensive enough to provide every legitimate facility for the ongoing of the school for many years ahead. Any young man seeking a place of thorough preparation for preaching the Gospel will do well to investigate Asbury Theological Seminary.

The Seminary is winning her way by this strong emphasis on the *Word*. The dictum of the Apostle Paul, while giving instruction to Timothy, is just as pungent in meaning, just as mandatory on the young preacher today, for the fundamental needs of mankind have never changed and never will in the days of our flesh. The basic teachings of Scripture, when properly inculcated, have transforming power in human life, changing the man of sin to the man of gospel truth, love and power.