

The President's Letter

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The most significant event of the year on the Asbury campus, was the revival which began spontaneously in the Hughes Auditorium on the campus of Asbury College, on the morning of February 23rd. Rev. Dee Cobb, an alumnus of both the college and the seminary and an approved evangelist of the Methodist Church, was the speaker at the college chapel service that Thursday morning. An unusual presence of God's Spirit was manifested in the service. A spirit of praise and testimony fell upon the student body. The revival tides came with such momentum that class schedules were temporarily discontinued.

It was noised about that the revival fires were burning with unusual intensity on the campus of Asbury college. The campus soon attracted a great gathering of visitors from neighboring towns, and even from distant states and cities. Students from other colleges and educational institutions came to the seat of the revival to have their hearts strangely warmed by the Spirit of God.

The overflow of the revival had many ramifications. The faculty and students of Asbury Theological Seminary participated in the revival. Some classes were dismissed in the seminary to give the students the opportunity of attending the meetings. There were unusual manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the seminary chapel service during the days of the revival. One of the chapel services will be long remembered, when the power of God was mightily present in the searching of hearts, in triumphant testimonies, and in humble confessions. The chapel hour ran far beyond the regular chapel period, while the manifestation of the work of the Holy Spirit rested upon the faculty and the student body.

Since the revival broke on the college campus on February 23rd, about fifty students and faculty members of the seminary have been engaged in revival efforts in numerous states and cities. One seminary student who accompanied a team of college students and a college professor to Jackson and other towns in Mississippi, reports that 1800 souls found God within the brief period of only a few days.

The spring vacation of the seminary was utilized in revival efforts on the part of both the faculty and members of the student body. One seminary student had approximately 300 conversions in a revival in North Carolina. One of the high peaks in that revival followed a chapel service in the high school. At the close of the message, the invitation was extended to the students who desired to accept Christ to assemble in a nearby church. One hundred fifty students responded to that invitation and gathered in the church as seekers for the way of salvation through Christ.

It is now estimated that the Asbury revival, through the combined efforts of the faculty and student bodies of both the college and the seminary, has resulted in some six thousand conversions and sanctifications, and the end is not yet. The college has released Dr. Tony Anderson, a member of the faculty, to

give his entire time to evangelistic work during the spring quarter. The revival echoes are still resounding daily in the classrooms and chapel services of both institutions.

The Ministers' Conference which was held January 31st-February 2nd, attracted an attendance from 28 different states. The Lizzie H. Glide Lectures were delivered by Bishop Paul B. Kern of the Methodist Church, and Bishop J. Paul Taylor of the Free Methodist Church. The enrollment at the seminary for the spring quarter is 381, which is the peak enrollment in our history. Our enrollment one year ago was 280. There will be more than 80 graduates at the coming commencement.

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