

# The President's Letter

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The winter revival and the Ministers' Conference stand out as two significant events at Asbury Theological Seminary during the winter quarter. The students of the seminary have the opportunity of attending two revivals during the school year. The fall revival is held on the campus of Asbury College, which is our sister institution. The winter evangelistic series was held in January with Rev. James DeWeerd as the preacher.

The winter revival is held under the auspices of the Methodist church of Wilmore. The Methodist church was crowded to capacity every night during the meetings. The power of the Holy Spirit was definitely manifest in every service in conviction, regeneration, and sanctification. There were many high moments of victory in the altar services where souls prayed through to a new way of triumph in Christ.

The Ministers' Conference attracted an enrollment from sixteen different states, extending from New York to California, and from Michigan to Mississippi. The Lizzie H. Glide Lectures were delivered by Bishop Arthur J. Moore and Dr. Chester A. McPheeters. Outstanding statements by Dr. McPheeters included the following:

"The greatest weakness in preaching today is lack of authority."

"A man should believe and say it like he believes it."

"There is a great deal of hesitancy in the pulpit today."

"A man speaks with authority because he has authority."

"The call to preaching must be kept current. I have a notion that God has recalled some preachers, but they have not heard the call."

"The gospel of Jesus Christ is not relative. It is absolute."

"The Bible is the central book of the preacher."

Bishop Arthur J. Moore emphatically reminded us that:

"The world has come to the edge of an abyss where the choice is God's way or the utter destruction of all hope."

"Paul was serene because he was sure."

"Paul had one of two things in every town which he entered, a revival or a riot. I know some preachers who do not have either."

"Paul forgot himself into immortality because of his sure confidence in the adequacy of the gospel."

"It is not the presence of the miraculous in your church that keeps anybody away, but it is the absence of it."

"You can't be a first class pessimist and a first class Christian."

We have in the student body of the seminary 28 denominational groups represented. A new movement in one of these denominational groups is the Asbury Methodist Fellowship. Among the eight objectives of the movement as set forth in their publicity, we mention two. 1. "We shall launch an aggressive program of evangelism, as was witnessed in early Methodism." 2. "We shall withstand any theological trend which denies the following: The deity; the vicarious atone-

ment; the bodily resurrection; the second coming of Jesus Christ; the authority of the Scriptures, as the infallible rule of faith and practice."

The Jesse H. Jones Scholarship Fund for foreign students was established by Mrs. Jesse H. Jones of Houston, Texas, in February. The fund is in the amount of \$1,000 per year which has been made available for the next five years. This fund will make it possible to bring additional foreign students to the seminary for the school year 1949-1950. We now have 18 foreign students enrolled in the seminary, representing ten countries other than the United States. The latest enrollee among our foreign students is Mr. Helmut Wipprecht of Neustadt, French Zone, Germany, who arrived on February 20th, and will be enrolled in the Spring Quarter.

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