

The Dean's Letter

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The winter quarter opened with a total enrollment of 280 students at Asbury Theological Seminary. Of this total 217 are men and 63 are women. The figures above indicate an increase of fifty-six students over the 224 who were in attendance during the winter quarter one year ago.

A partial analysis of the winter quarter enrollment indicates the following interest items: Bachelor of Divinity candidates 220; Master of Religious Education candidates 52; new students 14; ex-service men 100.

On the basis of a study conducted by the dean's office, it appears that Asbury Theological Seminary now places tenth among the seminaries of the nation in total enrollment. Applications for admission are being received in large numbers for 1949-50 sessions.

The first phase of the building program which includes the H. C. Morrison Memorial Administration Building, the Bettie Morrison Memorial Apartment House for married students and the central heating plant is almost finished. The central heating unit has been completed and is in full operation.

Outstanding among the special events of the winter quarter will be the Fifth Annual Ministers' Conference scheduled for February 22-24. Bishop Arthur Moore of the Methodist Church will present five lectures on the theme, "The Life, Witness and Work of the Church." Dr. Chester McPheeters, pastor of Metropolitan Methodist Church in Detroit, Michigan, will give five addresses on the theme, "A Man Stood up to Preach."

During the conference other outstanding leaders in various areas of church and educational work will be heard in special addresses and class lectures. Among these are the following: Dr. Ralph Earle of the Nazarene Seminary in Kansas City; Dr. Byron S. Lamson, Missionary Secretary of the Free Methodist Church; Dr. Duvon Corbitt, Professor of History in Asbury College, and Dr. Harold C. Mason and Dr. Claude Thompson, professors in Asbury Theological Seminary.

The Christian Service Brotherhood, a student organization that sponsors various types of week-end religious service, is now conducting a half-hour religious radio program each Sunday morning. The program, entitled "Gems of Grace," may be heard over radio station WHIR, 1230 kilocycles, Danville, Kentucky, at 9:15 A.M.