

Our Alumni Opportunity

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Every true son of his father, as he comes to years, feels a deepening sense of responsibility to those two people, his parents, who brought him forth into the world and who made possible to him all of life's golden and glorious opportunities and privileges. It would be a strange and ill-adjusted child that did not feel and exhibit a spirit of real gratitude toward its parents. It would be difficult to explain any other attitude.

There is a very real sense in which our beloved Alma Mater, Asbury Theological Seminary, has a perfect right to expect us, her sons and daughters, to recognize our responsibility toward the institution that has done so much for us. Our responsibility to Asbury does not end with our graduation therefrom. Indeed it has only begun at that time.

Whatever successes any of us may have had, or will have, we will owe in large measure to our "parent" institution. We must not as Alumni forget this. If we are true sons and daughters, we will always remember with warm-hearted appreciation the contribution Asbury has made to our lives and has helped us to make to the lives of others.

All of you are now acquainted with the fact that our Alumni Association is engaged in a great endeavor to secure four hundred one hundred dollar scholarships for our Seminary. This is our *Living Endowment Campaign*. The amount of money raised thereby is equal to the interest from a million dollar endowment invested at the rate of four per cent interest, or forty thousand dollars. You have recently had a letter from our President, Dr. McPheeters, relative to the urgency of this matter. Some of you have responded. But the response among our alumni is not yet all that it should be.

Let me now call upon every Alumnus for a personal pledge of one hundred dollars as your share of support for the current academic year. This is not asking too much for the institution that has done so much for each of us. Further, let me suggest that each of you seek to secure from some member of your family, or church, one or more of these one hundred dollar scholarship shares in this great million dollar living endowment. From personal experience we are assured that there are those who will gladly subscribe if we will only give them the information and the opportunity.

It is not necessary to speak further of the urgency of this matter. You are well acquainted with this fact. Many of you have been the recipients of one of these scholarships yourselves. You will recall how great a help it was to you to know that your tuition had already been cared for when you enrolled in the Seminary. Now that we are in the field and our earning power is producing, let us not fail to express our gratitude. Thus shall we surely be a true son and daughter of the institution we love so much, Asbury Theological Seminary!