

### Missionary Days

No description of the work at the seminary can properly omit the missionary days. They were primarily for Foreign Missions but no missions were neglected. The first week day in each month was entirely given over to Missions.

Some foreign missionary on furlough or some official specially connected with the work of Foreign Missions was asked to make an address. Dr. W.O. Carver who was professor of Missions was in charge of the plans for this day for about 50 years. I was asked to speak on this occasion four times when Dr. Carver was in charge: in 1914, 1921, 1927-28 and 1936.

But local missionary work was not neglected. A committee of students was always working to see that every student who could and would help with the work in Louisville and vicinity was given a chance to do so. I usually volunteered for work Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon. One year I taught a class of 10-year old girls at the Mason's Orphans Home, and dear children they were. One year my Sunday morning work was with a class of about fifty boys in a reform school (perfect attendance!) One year on Sunday afternoons I worked in Louisville slums. Poor children! It defies description!

### Spring Time 1904

There was no further interruption in this second half of my first year in the seminary. We were given plenty to do and there were plenty of books <sup>besides those</sup> that were absolutely required. Independent thinking and research were not emphasized and there was always a scarcity of money when the question of extra teachers and tutors

to supervise research came up for consideration. We had good teachers and it kept us busy learning what they had to teach us.

Final examinations came on near the end of May. The examination in each subject lasted  $5\frac{1}{2}$  hours: from 8:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. We undergraduates mostly stayed till the graduation exercises were over and then went to our field of labor for the summer if one had been chosen or assigned.

It seemed to me best to go back to my home association for this first vacation. My mother and Bunyan were still at the old home and the buggy and old Beck were still there. Dr. W.B. Crumpton was the State Secretary and he gave me a job in Jackson County selling Bibles and other religious books. My mother said I could use Old Beck and the buggy to travel about the county. Brothren W.W. Lee, C.T. Starkey, W.W. Howard and a brother Jenkins were the principal preachers who would get together and plan the work in the Association.

Dr. Crumpton would send me the books and he said I sold a good many. The Brethren planned "Baptist Rallies" in a number of the churches and they appointed me chairman a good many times. This was a valuable experience for me and I let the other preachers do most of the speaking.

#### Louisville Autumn 1904

Back in Louisville on time I got right into Junior Greek with Dr. W.O. Carver as teacher, always a quiet, thoughtful teacher, whatever he was teaching, the youngest full member of the Faculty, recognized as the philosopher of the Faculty and the author of many books. Dr. Sampey was teacher of Senior Hebrew and interesting

there as everywhere. He said he had been "warned" about our class. But I had no reason to complain of his treatment of me personally. One day he called on me in the class to read a verse in the Hebrew Old Testament, and I stood up and read it the best I could. Then he opened up his big voice and said to me, "Understandeth thou what thou readest? Rabbi (So-and So, a friend of his) would take that." Dr. McGlothlin, a fine teacher, a ph.D. from Berlin, who had taught us Junior Hebrew, this year begins Church History with us and keeps it up for two years. Dr. E.C. Dargan, a distinguished preacher for many years was now our teacher of Homiletics. He had us write a sermon now and then, but never had us preach before the class. Dr. T.M. <sup>W</sup>~~H~~arries, a Presbyterian and friend of Dr. Droadus, would have us at public speaking once a week. We began Systematic Theology this year with Dr. E.Y. Mullins as teacher.