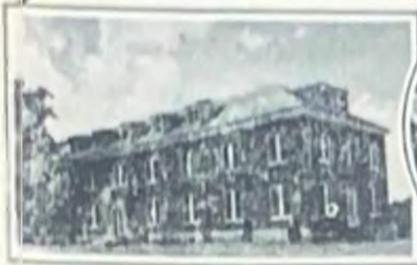


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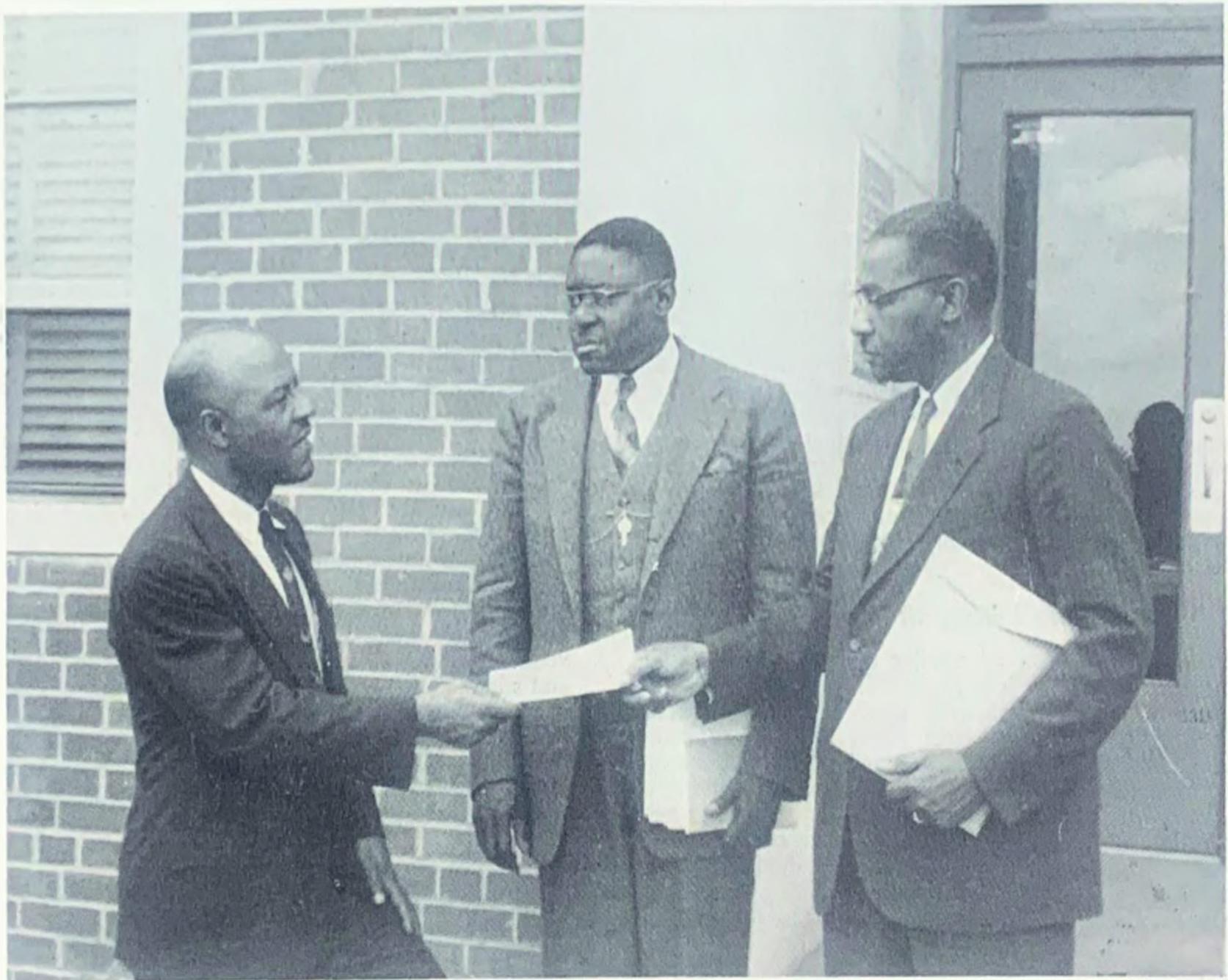
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NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION REPRESENTATIVES ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO SEMINARY



DR. RALPH W. RILEY, (left) president of the Seminary receives a check for \$10,000 from DR. L. G. CARR (right) treasurer of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A. Inc., as DR. J. H. JACKSON (center) Convention president looks on with approval.

(See page 2 for details)

The Fifty Thousand Dollar Campaign Moves Forward

The Motive Behind the Movement

I am sure our readers know by this time that we are in the midst of a \$50,000 Financial Campaign and we are striving feverishly to reach this goal by September 30, 1954. Therefore, it again becomes my duty to relate to you that up to this time the Seminary's \$50,000 Campaign which we would call a financial drive, but which Dr. J. H. Jackson, President of our Convention and who initiated the drive, has chosen to call a movement is living up to that name in every sense of the word.

Not only are we receiving unprecedented cooperation financially, but the cause of Christian Education and the American Baptist Theological Seminary are being heralded in a way and to an extent never known before, perhaps never in the history of our Convention—I am sure not since my first arrival in National Convention circles with the Jubilee Session in Chicago in 1930, almost a quarter of a century. It is a healthy sign of not only church growth, but race progress when the convention moves once again in the interest of education and missions, the two main causes without which the church would not be able to rightly justify its existence.

Extensive Publicity Program

Since the launching of the Campaign in September, 1953, immediately after our Miami session and with the Dallas Regional Meeting held in March, 1954 in our initial effort, we have made elaborate efforts by way of printed matter and publicity to reach our B.T.U.s, Sunday schools, laymen, our Women's State Auxiliary Conventions, churches and conventions to inform our constituency of this major Convention effort under its new administration. This has not only been an extensive, but an expensive Campaign. Despite the fact that we have received additional assistance in the employment of Miss Primrose Funches as Co-Director of the Campaign, it has nevertheless taxed the personnel and financial resources of the Seminary in an unusual way, but I am happy to state that the cooperation shown by the administration of the Seminary and constituency of the Convention, as well as the results we are now achieving, have not only been enjoyable and helpful, but are far exceeding the strenuousness of the effort undertaken.

Complete Listing of Contributors

With the exception of smaller contributions less than fifty cents and where it is impossible to know the donors because of some organizations' method of sending a full check for funds received and not giving us the names of those who have given, we are sending individual receipts with a letter of thanks and giving credit for the same to all persons participating in the Campaign, as has always been the policy of The Seminary in the office of the Bursar. Each list of the "SEMINARIAN" will carry a duplicate listing, and we are now in the process of preparing a complete report for the Board of Directors meeting at the Birmingham Congress, from September 1, 1953 through June 15, 1954, inclusive.

At our annual session in St. Louis, Missouri, we shall have a complete record of all contributions and the contributors for distribution. The report will cover the period of September 1, 1953 to September 1, 1954, and we would appreciate it if any corrections would be called to our attention before this date.

Continued Effort Necessary

From all over the nation we are receiving contributions, pledges and promises of later action which evidences the

fact that National Baptists are behind this Campaign in a wholehearted manner. But with our annual session being a little more than two months away, to be exact, two months and twenty-six days, it is obvious that we cannot relax our efforts one bit at this time.

We are therefore asking you to do your best at the Sunday school and B.T.U. Congress and on through the summer up to St. Louis. National Baptists cannot afford to fail in this Campaign. Let's do this one big thing now for our Seminary. Right now, I am almost persuaded that we are going to actually raise this \$50,000. We can, and we will. Watch National Baptists do it!

Convention Officials

On April 30, President J. H. Jackson and Secretary L. G. Carr of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Incorporated, visited the Seminary and held with President R. W. Riley, Mr. D. H. Ross, Bursar and Dr. L. S. Sedberry, Secretary of the Southern Baptist Commission on the Seminary, a fact-finding meeting on the financial status of the Seminary.

The conference dealt with the agreements and contracts in connection with the operation of the institution under the auspices of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Incorporated and the Southern Baptist Convention.

The visit of President Jackson and Secretary Carr began with a brief interview with Dr. Porter Routh, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention, and ended with an extended meeting with the administrative officials of the Seminary in the conference room of the new \$115,000 Library constructed by the Southern Baptist Convention and equipped by the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Incorporated, at a cost of \$17,000.00.

After a thorough discussion of matters pertaining to the Seminary and the financial obligation of the National Baptist Convention to the Seminary for the school year 1953-54, Dr. Jackson requested Treasurer Carr to present to President Ralph W. Riley a check for \$10,000 which was the exact amount of money promised by the National Baptist Convention for the school's fiscal year. The gesture not only brought a source of relief to the President of the Seminary, but by removing the National Baptist Convention's financial obligation, it more greatly encouraged and stimulated the relations between the two Conventions which support the Seminary.

After the presentation of the check, Drs. Sedberry and Riley expressed appreciation to the Convention officials, and Dr. J. H. Jackson left immediately for Chicago and Dr. L. G. Carr for Philadelphia.

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DR. BROADDUS AND PRESIDENT RILEY



PRESIDENT RILEY (right) congratulates DR. J. WELBY BROADDUS, Minister, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio on his commencement address just delivered.

DR. BROADDUS' QUOTES

"All that has been is yet to come into its own. The values of the past are to be determined by what we do today. However glorious the beginnings, they are to receive us into their completion."

"Our forefathers did not secure our liberty, they declared it; today we must say whether, as weaklings, we shall lose it, or as heroes we shall maintain this liberty . . . I think if the men of today do not know more than men of the past, they are a precious lot of fools."

"The real thing is not what a man can see or say, but what a man can be and do—and what he can inspire others to be and do. The value of a man to the world is measured by the degree in which his vision-truths shall get themselves, hands and feet, and walk the common highway with the common man."

"Even the fathers of the faith may not be perfect without our contribution. These men must all find their missions fulfilled in the magnificent work of this day and this hour to which you and every graduating class is called . . . Martin Luther's work is not finished. Much of his Reformation needs to be reformed. Much of his Protestantism needs to be protested against. Calvin's work is not ended. His was a message, but it was not final; it was

only a partial vision of the many gems of truth he never saw."

"We hear a lot today about revolution, but there is nothing so revolutionary because there is nothing so unnatural as the strain to keep things in their fixed place at a time when the world is moving ahead. New occasions teach new duties. Our lives, all too often, are so small for the larger vision."

"Unless we put our bricks into the wall, the building of the past will never be completed. Those who have gone before are crying out to us. Their cries are more than a command. Take up the task, and with courage and devotion go forth."

"This is our glorious heritage. Go from here and preach . . . preach the word! The world needs it today as never before. Preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Get all the information you can, science and philosophy and what not, but preach the Gospel. Whether they realize it or not, the world needs to hear the Gospel of the Lowly Nazarene. Go and preach, and as you preach, serve! Let your first concern be the glory of the cross of Calvary. And in preaching the Gospel truths, this glorious heritage of ours shall be passed on as a glorious legacy."

DR. RAMSEY POLLARD



DR. RAMSEY POLLARD, Minister, Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee delivering the baccalaureate sermon in First Baptist Church, 8th Avenue, North, Sunday, May 30, 1954.

THANKS

To all Trustees and Alumni:

At the close of my tenth year as your president, the most pleasant surprise of my Seminary years came in a tangible expression of a gift to Mrs. Riley and me of an RCA 21-inch television set.

This machine is not only a good and reliable, scientific instrument, but it reflects the spirit and appreciation of the kind of men and women with whom it has been our pleasure to work during our stay on the "Hill." Needless for us to say that it is enjoyable and comforting, but it is just like adding another member to our family. It is not only now a source of cheer to us, but it will add years of entertainment and satisfaction to us as the days rapidly pass by and as the years come and go. May what has been done for us by you, likewise be done by your churches, constituency and friends for you as you daily shepherd those over whom the Holy Spirit has set you as overseer!

As I close, won't you then accept our heartfelt thanks to all of you, far and near, for this token of appreciation and our pledge that we shall in the days ahead continue to strive to be worthy of this and all the favors shown in the past and with our prayers for God's gifts to follow you all.

I remain,

Yours truly,
RALPH W. RILEY, President

REV. POLLARD'S QUOTES

"If you want to know why Jesus attracted the multitudes, I believe you will find it in the fact that He loved them. Watch him as he stands at the grave of Lazarus and healing touch upon the leper, the blind, the deaf and witness. His compassion as He raised the dead. It seems to me that the classic example of compassion is Jesus weeping over the city of Jerusalem. If we are going to win people to Christ, we must care; care enough to pray; to worthily prepare our sermons; to walk steadfastly before men; and to preach with a fervency and a sincerity that goes far beyond a mere desire to 'fill the pulpit.'"

"God is a worker. Jesus was a hard worker when he walked upon the face of this earth. He is now making intercession for us. There isn't any conflict between spirituality and hard work. Some folk who think they are intensely spiritual are simply lazy."

"I firmly believe that every preacher ought to take an active part in civic affairs, but he ought not to become a community pack-horse. He can't major on Kiwanis, Rotary and other such activities and Evangelism at the same time. Pardon me, but I fear some have become so involved in denominational activities that they do not have time to keep the fires of compassion burning in their hearts."

"It is a tragedy when a preacher begins to take more interest in his text than in lost souls. It is interesting to see a text unfold; its mark of polished phrases, its linked sweetness long drawn out. But, if that sermon lacks direction, it is not preached with the right motive. It is a failure in spite of all that can be said."

New Administrative Office Space Provided

Following the completion and entering of our new T. L. Holcomb Library building, we immediately reconverted the space on the first floor in the J. B. Lawrence Administration Building, formerly used for the library, into a spacious conference and Directors' room, a mailing room, and offices and secretaries' rooms for the Academic Dean and the Dean of Men, respectively. These offices are completed in addition to offices already in use by the President and secretary, Registrar and secretary, Director of Extension, and Bursar, making a total of twelve rooms on the first floor now being used for administrative purposes alone.

The move not only reflects the interest and foresight of the administration to keep pace with the growing demands of an ever-expanding institution, but places its workers in a better position to carry on the administrative functions of the Seminary than ever. We welcome the much-needed changes and shall make great use of them.

Viduary Club Presents Library with Books

The library has received two gift books from the Viduary Club of Nashville. Mrs. Lewellyn Battle, manager of the Seminary's book store, is a member of the club and she suggested the project to the club—to give books by Negro authors to the library.

One of the two titles received is the *1954 Negro Year Book*, a review of events affecting Negro life and a quite valuable reference work.

Mrs. Lillie Berry is president of the club and Mrs. Addie Burluson is secretary.

ALUMNI NEWS

RUFUS L. HILL ADDRESSING ALUMNI



Commencement 1954

The Alumni Association of the American Baptist Theological Seminary held its annual meeting in the Seminary's new T. L. Holcomb Library, Friday, May 28, 1954. Thirty-one members were in attendance. The class of 1954 was inducted into the association.

Officers elected for the year were: A. J. King, '39, President; W. P. Vaughn, '46, Vice President; W. H. Donaldson, '41, Secretary; C. R. Williams, '48, Assistant Secretary; G. R. Williams, '52, Corresponding Secretary, and J. T. Ridley, '46, Treasurer. All officers and Donaldson of Peoria, Illinois.

The Rev. Rufus L. Hill, '39 of La Grange, Georgia, delivered the annual alumni banquet address. During the course of the banquet the Alumni Association presented to President and Mrs. Riley a 21 inch table model R.C.A. Television Set. The gift was a token of appreciation of ten years of service to the Seminary by Dr. and Mrs. Riley.

Those present at the meeting were:

Allen, J. M., Ohio	Daniels, W. N., Tennessee
Barnett, W. L., Tennessee	Donaldson, T. C., City
Bell, Austin, Kentucky	Donaldson, W. H., Illinois
Brown, W. R., Indiana	Dukes, M. C., Missouri
Coleman, C. C., City	Epting, D. L., Tennessee
Coleman, W. R., City	Henderson, I. H., Missouri
Copeland, J. L., City	Hicks, E. L., Tennessee

Hill, R. L., Georgia
Hodges, S. S., Ohio
Jackson, R. T., Illinois
King, A. J., City
McClain, O. C., City
Powell, I. Royster, Illinois
Ridley, J. T., City
Sanders, R. T., Tennessee
Speed, W. J., Tennessee

Sullen, I. E., Tennessee
Taylor, M., City
Thornton, James D., City
Vaughn, W. P., Alabama
Washington, Alonzo, City
Watkins, J. W., City
Williams, C. R., City
Williams, George R., City

The association will hold its next meeting in September at St. Louis, Missouri.

Three members of the Alumni Association participated in the Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises. They were: R. I. Page, '53, Baccalaureate; J. W. Alexander, '49 and S. S. Cousin, '50, Commencement.

June Graduates

On May 31, George Robert Williams and James Daniel Thornton, class of '52, received their Bachelor of Arts degrees at the 80th Commencement of Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee.

Alumni from Issle Uku, Nigeria send Greetings

Dear Dr. Riley:

"It is a pleasure to know that the Seminary continues to go forward under your great leadership. The new library erected is more than a step forward. We will continue to pray that the good Lord may grant us continued success. I wish I had been there to witness the dedication ceremony of the library. If I knew in time I could send a congratulatory cable on the 14th of April. All the same, I am grateful to God for all His mercies.

"I have not forgotten your past kindnesses. My meeting you has been a great blessing to me. I owe to the A.B.T. Seminary an incalculable debt of deep gratitude for my training. I am not less grateful to the Foreign Mission Board and the entire Brotherhood for bringing me to America. The contacts I made while here have been very helpful. I am asking the Lord to open the way for me to visit the States again some day to renew friendship and form fresh acquaintance."

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT NWABUOKET UGBOLUF

Prospects for 1954-55 Enrollment

From all indications, the Seminary will reach the century mark in enrollment for the school year 1954-55. New applications are being received daily, and this year, for the first time, a special appeal will be made to the youth attending the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress.



Alumni attending 1954 Commencement

STUDENT NEWS

A group of students went to the First Baptist Church of Springfield, Tennessee of which Rev. W. J. Speed is the pastor. The group took part in the teaching of the Sunday school, the conducting of devotions, and the music was furnished by the Seminary Chorus. Mrs. C. H. Fitzgerald directed the music.

The morning sermon was delivered by Mr. Andrew Robinson and the afternoon sermon was delivered by Mr. Ralph E. Burley.

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Pastor G. W. Reece of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Tullahoma, delivered the "Educational Sermon" for Davidson's Academy at Tullahoma, Tennessee, on Sunday evening May 16, 1954. The faculty and graduating class expressed deep appreciation for the message.

The Salleys were guests of the Reeces on that day, and Mr. Salley preached at the morning service, which was largely attended.

The Reece family is moving into the parsonage at the end of the school year on their church field.

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The Southwide Fellowship of Baptist Theological Students, Louisville, Ky., was attended by nine students from the A.B.T. Seminary. Mr. Henry J. Franklin was elected as the student representative for the year 1954-55.

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The Inter-Seminary Movement of the American Baptist Theological Seminary sponsored a banquet May 14, 1954 in Grigg's Dining Hall. After a luscious meal was served, the guests retired to the seminary chapel for the program.

Speaker for the occasion was Dr. Jerome O. Davis visiting professor of Fisk University. Others on the program included the following: Mortimer Aldrige, Martha Potts, Pearl Ghee, Johnnie Cameron, and Mrs. Delta Ross.

Among the large number of guests, attending the banquet were some members of the Inter-Seminary Movement of Scarritt and Fisk University.

The officers of the Inter-Seminary Movement on A.B.T. Seminary campus are as follows: Ralph E. Burley, President; Mack E. Vincent, vice-president; Vivian H. Salley, secretary; Alice F. Williams, treasurer.

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Mr. Wycliffe JangDhari, student from India and studying for the B.R.E. degree at the seminary, was recently married to Miss Jewel Washington of Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. J. C. Miles, professor of Old Testament at the seminary, performed the ceremony.

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The Daily Vacation Bible School at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Stephens, Alabama, is being conducted by Mrs. James Salley who is a student at A.B.T. Seminary, working for the B.R.E. degree. Mr. A. P. Crutcher, the minister, is also studying at the Seminary.

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The annual Junior-Senior Banquet held in the Dining room of Griggs Hall was a grand and glorious affair of the season.

The members of the Junior class had beautifully and skillfully decorated the dining room, with the color scheme of gold, blue and white.

A very fine musical and reading program was rendered by the following: Mrs. D. H. Ross of A.B.T. Seminary, Miss Ida V. Robinson of A. & I. University, Miss Pearl Ghee and Miss Elvina Turner of National Baptist Missionary Training School. Dr. Ralph W. Riley, our president, gave a very informative and inspiring address.



INTERSEMINARY MOVEMENT OFFICERS

Front row: (left to right) MRS. ALICE WILLIAMS, Treasurer; MR. RALPH E. BURLEY, President; Professor J. F. GRIMMETT, Advisor.
Back row: (left to right) MR. C. L. MANNING; MRS. VIVIAN SALLEY, Secretary; MR. J. P. STRONG.

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Mr. E. W. Roberson former pastor at the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Springfield, Tennessee, was called to the pastorate of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Cowan, Tennessee. Under his leadership the church has grown spiritually, financially and the membership has increased. Installation service was held April 25, 1954. Rev. O. L. Pounds, of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, South Pittsburgh, Tennessee, delivered the message.

Go in Jesus' Name

ANDREW ROBINSON, JR., *First Year Student from Memphis, Tenn.*

To the graduating class of 1954
We pray that upon you God's blessing He'll store
As you leave the hill, our prayers remain the same
That you go onward and upward in Jesus' Name.

Yes, you have struggled—you have fought but not in vain
Yes, you have lost and yet you have gained:
Now, go 'not for honor go' not for fame—
Think about your calling, go in Jesus' Name.

Think not only the church that is unoccupied
Think of the lives that Satan has defied:
Think of the saved the unsaved too.
Think and then let the Lord use you.
Think of the blind, sick and the lame—
Think, pray and remember, go in Jesus' Name.

FACULTY NEWS

● Professor J. F. Grimmitt had many and varied activities through the months of March, April and May. March 25-27, he was a discussion leader at the Interseminary Conference held at the University South, Sewanee, Tennessee. April 4th, he was the "Pastor of the Day" at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, May 23, delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon for the Haynes High School, Nashville, Tennessee.

● Professor George C. Monroe, Jr., was the guest minister of the Dalewood Baptist Church, Nashville. He also attended the Tennessee Library Association's annual meeting in April. He appeared twice, recently, on the television program "Know Your Bible," a Sunday afternoon Bible Quiz program on WSIX-TV. An appearance was also made with a panel of librarians.

● Professor Alfred L. Campbell was invited back to his home town and high school, Monroe, Louisiana, to deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon.

● Professors J. C. Miles, V. T. Glass, C. H. Fitzgerald, J. F. Grimmitt and Alfred L. Campbell are writing the Quarterly, October through December issue, for the Baptist Training Union of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. The quarterlies will include Junior, Intermediates, Young People No. I and II, Adults and up.

● Professor C. H. Fitzgerald was the guest minister at the Berean Baptist church, Jackson, Tennessee, on May 23rd.

● Professor J. L. Powell returned to his Alma Mater, Johnson C. Smith University for his class reunion. He was of the class of '34. He was also the Representative of the Seminary at the South Carolina Baptist Education and Missionary State Convention, Anderson, South Carolina. He assisted Rev. V. A. Edwards in conducting an Institute on Religious Education, June 14-18, at Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical College, Normal, Alabama.

The Institute is sponsored by The National Council of Churches of Christ in America.

Dean Victor T. Glass attended, June 2-4, 1954, The Southern Baptist Convention held at St. Louis, Missouri.

● Miss Helen R. Swinton, secretary to the Academic Dean, received the Secretarial Diploma upon graduation from the National School of Business, Nashville, Tennessee, May 16, 1954.

Local Chapter of Alumni Association Organized

On May 6, 1954, the alumni of Nashville, Tennessee and vicinity met to consider organizing a local Alumni Chapter.

Since this was Founder's Day, the Alumni attended the chapel services and heard Alumnus Austin Bell deliver the annual address. Following this service, the alumni were served lunch in the Seminary Cafeteria. After lunch, a business meeting was held in the Board of Trustees Conference room.

On May 11, the following officers were elected:

George Robert Williams, President
James Daniel Thornton, Vice President
Moses Williams, Secretary
Alonzo Washington, Assistant Secretary and Reporter
Major Alonzo Matthews, Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

James L. Copeland, Chairman
W. R. Coleman
Moses Herring
Moses Williams
George R. Williams, Ex-officio

An invitation is extended to all alumni of Nashville and vicinity to participate in the activities of this chapter.

PRESIDENT RILEY ACCEPTS SENIOR CLASS GIFT

At right, MR. GRADY DONALD, B.D., candidate for graduation 1954 is saying with a (Ministerial gesture) "here is the senior class gift, Mr. President." DR. RILEY is receiving the gift in true presidential form.

DEAN V. T. GLASS (left) and Registrar C. H. FITZGERALD are expressing their pleasure at the T.V. Set, gift from this year's graduates.

P.S. The cup, bowl and white apparel were part of the "seers" vision of the class prophecy.



JUNIOR — SENIOR BANQUET 1954



President George W. Reece, president of the junior class, is shown presiding at the annual junior-senior banquet. The banquet is a social event that is looked forward to by students and faculty people.

Seminary Professors Write Baptist Training Union Lessons

Some of the faculty members, during the summer, have agreed to cooperate with Secretary C. R. Williams of the Baptist Training Union Board in preparing the thirteen lessons for the last quarter of the Baptist Training Union for 1954.

The lessons and subjects which were prepared by the professors are as follows:

- A. L. CAMPBELL, *Professor of Theology and Psychology*—Juniors
- C. H. FITZGERALD, *Professor of Religious Education*—Intermediates
- V. T. GLASS, *Professor of Sociology and Christian Ethics*—Quarterly No. 1, ages 15-17
- J. F. GRIMMETT, *Professor of Church History and Homiletics*—Quarterly No. II, ages 18-24
- J. C. MILES, *Professor of Old Testament*—Adult Quarterly

We trust that these lessons will serve as an inspiration not only to young people, but to pastors, presidents of Baptist Training Unions, schools and those engaged generally in young people's work.

The administration of the Seminary is grateful to the Baptist Training Union board for the privilege to cooperate in this respect and for the way in which the Seminary professors cooperated in making these lessons possible. We feel that through such a medium, in the future, we will realize the necessity and importance of this undertaking, and we may be able to develop a larger group of young writers for our growing young Christian public who are becoming increasingly interested in religious life and service.

"A Prayer for A. B. T. Seminary"

ANDREW ROBINSON, JR., *First Year Student*
from Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Lord! we come thanking Thee,
For our wonderful school, A.B.T.
A place where, ministers are religiously trained
That souls for thy kingdom might be gained.

We give thanks, for its students its faculty too,
Let our thoughts be fruitful, our teachings true
The harvest is great, the laborers are few
In these dark hours, our strength, please, renew.

Pour out thy spirit upon us we pray,
Help us to live as Christians, day by day.
We pray that fame and fortune be not our goal
But that all our interest, be placed in lost souls.

Lord! give us receptive minds and open hearts,
To receive the knowledge, that our instructors impart,
As we leave A.B.T. to explore the field,
Let Thy spirit forever dwell upon this hill.

Help student to fight and win;
Defeat old Satan, and his devices of sin.
We pray some broken heart we'll help to mend
This is our prayer, Lord, forever, Amen!