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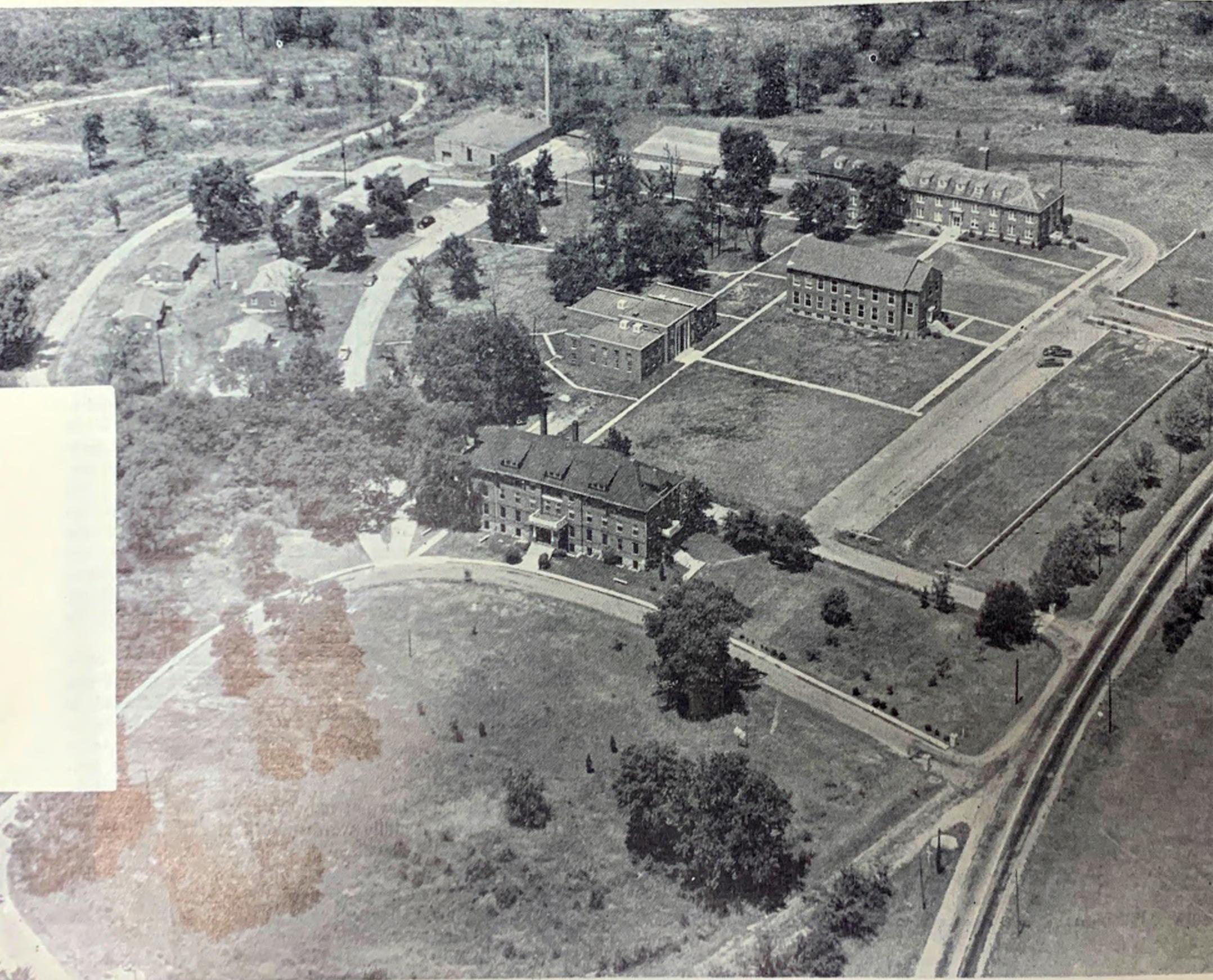
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The aerial view above shows the "MILLION DOLLAR VIEW" of the combined physical resources of the Seminary and Training School. The two institutions have accommodations for approximately 300 students at the present time.

Twelfth Annual Report of the American Baptist Theological Seminary to the Seventy-fifth Session of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.

Memphis, Tennessee, September 6-11, 1955

RALPH W. RILEY, *President*

Mr. President, Officers, Members and Messengers of this our Diamond Jubilee Session, I am profoundly proud to bring you greetings from the Seminary.

Along Through the Years

To those of us engaged in the religious education of our ministerial and Christian leaders, and look on today's gathering evokes some serious reflections from us all. As we check our records of the past, in 1880 when our Convention was born, how few of our leaders, as compared with those today were considered to have possessed much formal academic education! How much we have achieved since that day is truly one of the marvels of our time.

While too large a number of our ministers stand in need of a sound academic and theological education, I am confident to say that our present-day ministers, on the whole, compare favorably with others of our constituency in the long and inevitable struggle we have experienced to bring us to this hour.

On May 30, we came to the close of the thirty-first session of the Seminary and the 11th year of the present administration. The Seminary and its family are deeply grateful for its supporters and well-wishers of this and our sister Convention, Southern Baptist, in the way you all have tackled and solved the problems which so safely guided us to a successful closing. During the last two years, under the administration of President J. H. Jackson, perhaps more has been said and done for our Seminary than ever in its history. And today, all of us have a sense of feeling of security for the future of the American Baptist Theological Seminary and are now geared to guide it on to greater effectiveness and lasting and constructive growth.

Our Spiritual Assets

In the eleven years of my activities

at the Seminary, a total of approximately 175 persons have received degrees and have gone out in the field of Christian service. These men are more and more serving strategic places in our churches and our denomination. They are purchasing literature from the Sunday School Board, giving to Foreign and Home missions, supporting Christian education, both locally and nationally, representing at our district conventions and associations, state and national conventions. While we consider these performances of great organizational and denominational value, they are not the greatest of all. The most far-reaching and effective service they are rendering which I would like to call to your attention is that in 27 states and 5 countries, every Sunday morning one or more Seminary graduates are preaching the Gospel of Christ from the many pulpits of the far-flung distances of ours and other countries of this earth. They form a ministerial network in God's redemption plan of human salvation. They bring messages of hope and cheer to those who grope darkly in a world of chaos and confusion. Whatever we acquire or whatever we achieve, we shall never have, as a Convention, any greater assets. Material objectives lose their appeal, buildings decay, and missionary and educational causes are retarded, unless we have a ministerial leadership to furnish the encouragement and interest sufficient to support the many worthy agencies and objectives of which we presently boast.

One Basic Function of the Administration

Each year, and almost every month, there come from the President's office, stressing appeals for funds to support the institution designed to achieve for our churches and our people the greatest single need of our time and generation. This is done by a continuous process of promotional appeals and attempted procedures of education of our constituency to the facts that are ever before us. In 1954, we raised \$53,000 for the Seminary. It has been the burden of our administration to show that this \$53,000 was, of necessity, distributed over a period of two years for already existing obligations the Seminary was carrying on its books. To operate the Seminary far from its maximum efficiency, it requires an amount ranging

from 125 to 150 thousand dollars, and as the agreement now stands, requires that National Baptists supply one half of this amount. When observed from an annual viewpoint, the amount appears to reach staggering proportions, but a monthly-regular-contributory-plan will not only simplify the operation, but will lighten the burden for us all. We can, and one day, we must face up to this challenge. Otherwise, we shall have to admit that all have failed one of our greatest objectives, a cause for which the Convention was founded.

Philosophical Foundations of the Seminary

As much as we dislike to, we have to admit that for a long time, as a church, we have minimized the education of the preacher. This action came not only from the pew, but the pulpit as well. There were two reasons for this: In the first place, the laity for many years had their growth in the advocacy of a Divine call to the ministry. In the second place, this idea was promoted and nourished by two classes of our clergymen of former years. The uneducated group opposed an educated ministry because of the threat it posed to their own future and security. While the educated group believed in and aided the education of our ministers of yesterday, nevertheless, there was just a bit of hesitation and caution exercised by them, because they never wanted the time to come that men did not feel the need for a Divine call and a spiritual qualification for the Christian minister aside from mere academic training or intellectual fitness.

It has not actually been made clear as to how the two gifts or talents and endowments can safely be blended to the more effectual working of the minister of Christ similarly to others in non-ecclesiastical, religious or Christian service. Thus, education for the ministry has not only been a challenging, but a chilly word; but thanks to our present-day men of training and the fine role they are playing in our church life, that the pattern has successfully changed.

When the American Baptist Theological Seminary began, it was founded at the beginning of a wave of a Social-Gospel idea which was prevalent in our time. It was made clear that in the beginning of the Seminary, it had as its objective a purpose of ascribing

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KANSAS

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 Kansas City 25.00
 King Solomon Baptist Church—Kansas City (s) 5.00
 Maple Street Baptist Church—Independence 2.50
 Metropolitan Baptist Temple—Kansas City 50.00
 Olivet Inst. Baptist Church—Kansas City 10.00
 Shiloh Baptist Church—Topeka 15.00

KENTUCKY

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 First Baptist Church—Idlewild 5.00
 First Baptist Church—Roseville 10.00
 Mark Avenue Baptist Church—Detroit 5.00
 Russell Street Baptist Church—Detroit 16.61
 Second Baptist Church—Detroit 300.00
 Thompson Avenue Baptist Church
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 Unity Baptist Church—Detroit 41.00
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 (Mrs. Willa M. Grimes)—Detroit 6.71
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 District Association—Detroit 5.37

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 Greater Clark St. Baptist Church—Jackson 3.00
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56.50

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 Rev. Sylvester Sumler—St. Louis 2.00
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 Second Baptist Church—Canton 15.62
 Southern Union Baptist Church—St. Louis 10.00
 St. Francis Street Baptist Church—St. Joseph 50.00
 West Side Miss. Baptist Church, Inc.—St. Louis 50.00

300.62

NEBRASKA

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 Miss Estella McAfee—Omaha (s) 1.00
 Rev. C. Adams—Omaha 25.00
 Morning Star Baptist Church—Omaha 10.00
 Mt. Moriah Baptist Church
 (School of Education)—Omaha 12.00
 New Era Baptist Association
 (Rev. J. Andrew Thompson)—Omaha 25.00

74.00

NEVADA

Rev. V. C. L. Coleman—Las Vegas (s) 1.00
 The Ministers Alliance of Las Vegas—
 Las Vegas (s) 5.00

6.00

NEW JERSEY

Monumental Baptist Church—Jersey City 100.00
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120.00

NEW YORK

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 Bethesda Baptist Church—New Rochelle 10.00
 Beulah Baptist Church—Broadway 5.00
 Calvary Baptist Church—St. Albans 50.00
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 Brooklyn (s) 1.00
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 Flushing (s) 1.00
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 Fairmont Baptist Church—Haverstraw 2.00
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Friendship Baptist Church—Toledo 2	12.15
Macedonia Baptist Church—Columbus	25.00
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church—Akron	5.00
Mt. Enon Baptist Church—Dayton 2	10.00
Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church—Akron	3.40
Mt. Olivet Baptist Church—Columbus	25.00
Mt. Zion Baptist Church—Toledo	10.00
People Baptist Church—Springfield	10.00
Peoples Tabernacle Baptist Church—Cincinnati	4.00
Pilgrim Baptist Church—Hamilton	22.93
Second Baptist Church—Akron	50.00
Second Baptist Church—Columbus	50.00
Second Baptist Church—Middletown	100.00
Shiloh Baptist Church—Columbus	50.00
St. Paul Baptist Church—Toledo 2 (s)	5.00
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Trinity Baptist Church—Cincinnati 27	5.00
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