

# The Seminarian

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## Watch the Seminary Grow!

In April 1944 Dr. Ralph W. Riley was elected as fifth president to succeed the able and efficient president, Dr. James M. Nabrit.

At that time our facilities and buildings on the campus proper consisted of one building, a combination dormitory-administration building, Griggs Hall, farm lands, a custodian's home, a dairy and other farm equipment.

Term	Faculty	Graduates	Buildings	Enrollment
1944-45	5	10	2	47

At this writing we have two newly constructed farm-tenants residents, a Cafeteria-Book

Store, a New Administration Building, and a Central Heating Plant and the figures read as below.

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1946-47	12	13	5	111

By 1950 within five years, under the leadership of our new President we should have a chapel library building, a president's home, teachers and married students homes, a faculty of 25 and an enrollment at a figure far above the three hundred mark.

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## PURPOSE OF THE SEMINARIAN

The American Baptist Theological Seminary has felt for some time that there should be some way of keeping the great host of Baptist people in touch with its growth and progress. The Seminary belongs to the Baptist people; it is supported by their prayers and gifts; so it is right that they should know what it is doing. With these things in mind, we direct the publication of this bulletin mainly to four groups:

(1) To the many interested pastors and lay people, both of National Baptist U.S.A., Inc., and Southern Baptists, who are praying and giving for the support of this institution, and who will never see it except by the printed page.

(2) In the Baptist Churches, there are scores of young ministers who need the teaching and instruction that it is able to offer, who aren't even aware that the school exists and that it opens its doors to all ministers, to prepare them for a more fruitful ministry.

(3) To hundreds of Alumni, scattered over America and foreign lands, who will never know of their classmates' and fellow ministers' activities unless they see it in this bulletin.

(4) There are still many others who have heard little or nothing of this unique cooperative work of Baptists, but who would be more than glad to encourage and support such a venture if they had the opportunity.

It is the hope of those who labor in love on this publication, that, little by little, all these groups may be reached and profit thereby. It is also our fervent prayer that it may be one more forward step in the program that is already under way, in so many instances, of drawing the Baptist people together in the spirit of love and cooperation.

The Editors

# American Baptist Theological Seminary Faces The Future

Three years from now the American Baptist Theological Seminary will be just one quarter of a century old. When compared with many other institutions engaged in the training of a Christian leadership in America, one may well place the institution in the class of a comparatively young one. What she has accomplished over these few brief years cannot be matched with the significance of the purpose in which it is engaged. A. B. T. Seminary in the years past has wrought well. In the few years ahead its responsibilities and opportunities will be greater than ever in her history.

Tomorrow American Baptist Theological Seminary will be faced with the responsibility of supplying a ministerial leadership to cope with the problems of Race Relations, the Rural and Urban Church problems, strengthening the rapidly weakening links in our Home Mission Chain as well as giving fresh and creative impetus to our Foreign Mission interest in Africa and other centers throughout the world.

No other protestant religious institution in the world has a larger constituency with which to work and serve. The combined forces of the two Baptist groups in America and others whom they serve, give the institution a profoundly significant and unlimited opportunity.

To face the responsibilities and match these opportunities in the days ahead, the American Baptist Theological Seminary must largely increase its facilities and services, if it will justify its place in the high and laudable undertaking in which it is engaged.

Without assuming the obligation of making this school second to none, Baptists cannot longer lay claim to the democratic way of life and worship; those cardinal principles of their faith which have made possible their large and rapid growth, and shall forever remain as Baptists see it, as the very essence of truth and the genius of her existence.

## ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT

President Ralph W. Riley was the special lecturer of the Midwestern Bible Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, and brought the closing message. The meeting was held in Des Moines, Iowa, and is composed of Ministers and Christian leaders from Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota. Dr. Riley repre-



sented the school at the State Baptist Convention at Savannah, Georgia. He preached the Memorial Sermon, Sunday October 17, 1946, of the former pastor, Dr. R. L. Bradby of the Second Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan. The Pastor and Laymen of the State of Delaware held an annual Seminary Day at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Dr. Perry S. Liscombe, pastor and Dr. Riley delivered the message. Dr. Riley has been invited to bring the message on Race Relation and Evangelism before the General Baptist State Convention of Texas. Dr. Riley delivered the summer Convocation Baccalaureate Commencement Message at the Tennessee A. & I. State College in August.

## FACULTY MEMBERS REPRESENT THE SEMINARY

Prof. Frederick L. Brown, of the Department of Language, represented the Institution at the Texas Baptist State Convention at Tyler, Texas, Dr. S. A. Alexander, president. While Prof. Brown represented the institution he was the guest of Butler College, Prof. M. K. Curry, president.

Prof. A. L. Campbell, Professor of Church History, represented the Seminary at the Ohio Baptist State Convention in Columbus, Ohio, Dr. C. H. Crable, president.

Prof. Victor T. Glass, professor of Christian Ethics and Sociology, represented the Seminary at the Alabama State Baptist Convention in Montgomery, Alabama, Nov. 19-22, Dr. D. V. Jemison, president.



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## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

E. A. Hutcheson was licensed January 13, 1946 at the Spruce Street Baptist Church. Dr. A. M. Townsend, acting pastor.

Talton B. Fentress, Jr., was ordained October 25, 1946, 7:30 P.M. at the Roger Heights Baptist Church. Rev. J. H. Nance, Pastor. Professor Frederick L. Brown, Professor of Languages, delivered the ordination message.

James B. Gaines was the guest preacher of the Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church October 31, 1946, Rome, Georgia, Rev. E. L. Zuber, Pastor. Both Rev. E. L. Zuber and Rev. James B. Gaines are first year students at the A. B. T. Seminary.

R. H. Dixon Jr., is the Chaplain at the Smyrna Airbase. During Mr. Dixon's service, August to October 1946, six men were brought to Christ. Rev. Dixon will preach at the Friendship Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., in the near future.

Thomas C. Sims was the guest preacher of the New Home Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Rev. E. L. Hicks, Pastor. Rev. Hicks and Rev. Sims are students at the A. B. T. Seminary.

The Student body and Faculty regret the passing of Mrs. Hester Harris September 28, 1946. Mrs. Harris is the aunt of Rev. A. Wilder. Rev. Wilder is a student at the Seminary.

John L. Edwards Jr., Rev. Ornan A. Pratt and Rev. Zacchaeus B. Johnson have been chosen Junior preachers at the First Baptist Church, 8th Avenue North, here in the city.

The Baptist Student Union, National Christian Organization, with



L. E. ARLINGTON JONES

*Rev. L. E. Arlington Jones, a first year student in the Seminary from the Metropolitan Baptist Temple, Kansas City, Missouri, was the winner in the contest to name the school paper. He submitted the name "The Seminarian."*

local chapter on campus, is headed by Rev. O. A. Pratt, (A. B. T. '47). The Baptist Student Union conducts Chapel hour each Tuesday morning at 10:30. The Baptist Student Union has presented a series of interesting speakers. They are:

Mr. S. E. Grinstead, employed at the Post Office here in the city and Director of the Baptist Stu-

dent Union among the Colored people in the State of Tennessee, spoke on the subject "Life's De-tours."

Dr. J. T. Brown, retired Editor-in-Chief of the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc., spoke on the subject "The Gospel of Christ." Dr. J. T. Brown was in a car wreck recently. We are hoping for him a speedy recovery. Professor Merle Eppse, Professor of History at A. & I. State College, Nashville, Tennessee, spoke on many interesting things. Rev. H. D. Gregory, one of the Steering Committee of the Baptist Student Union Missionary of Baptist for the State of Tennessee, gave an interesting talk.

Odie Hoover is presenting his 6th Annual Sermon-In-Song November 22, 1946, 8:00 P. M. at the 15th Avenue Baptist Church, Rev. W. R. Murray, Pastor.

J. C. Mack has been called to the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Tullahoma, Tennessee.

The Y. M. C. A. sponsors the mid-week prayer services, vesper hours and works with other Seminaries throughout America and Canada through the Inter-Seminary Movement.

The Officers of the Y. M. C. A. for the 1946-47 Session are: James A. Turner, (B.Th., '47) President, John L. Edwards, (B.Th., '48) Vice President, Norman H. McGill, (B.Th., '48) Secretary, Edward L. Hicks, (B.Th., '48) Asst. Secretary, A. J. Lewis, (B.Th., '48) Treasurer, Coleman W. Kerry, (B.Th., '47) Chaplain.

## FOLLOWING THE ALUMNI

J. C. Bonner, (B.Th., '38), has resigned the pastorate of the Progressive Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee to become the Pastor of the Olivet Institutional Baptist Church, 7th and Parallel Streets, Kansas City, Kansas.

I. H. Henderson, Jr., (M.Th., '41) has resigned the pastorate of the Pleasant Green Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, to become the Pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

W. H. Donaldson, (B.Th., '41), is the Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Rev. Donaldson has built a great Institutional Church. The building for Religious Education cost over \$7,000.

J. H. Nance, (B.Th., '41) is the Pastor of the Roger Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee. Rev. Nance celebrated his sixth Anniversary, July '46, as pastor of the Roger Heights Baptist Church.

J. W. Watkins, (B.Th., '42), is the Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 11th Avenue and Jefferson, Nashville, Tennessee.

M. H. Ribbins, (B.Th., '45), is the Pastor of the Second Baptist Church, 14th and Grove Streets Chattanooga, Tennessee. Rev. Ribbins celebrated Men's Day, Sunday, March 24, 1946. Three thousand dollars was the goal set by the men. All but four hundred dollars of this goal was raised. Rev. Ribbins has recently been elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Baptist Theological Seminary.

The following A. B. T. men graduated from A. & I. State College, Nashville, Tennessee, June 3, 1946:

B. E. Callier (B.Th., '41). Rev. Callier is the Pastor of the Progressive Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

J. R. Powell (B.Th., '44). Rev. Powell is the Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Dickson, Tennessee.

E. L. Drew (B.Th., '44). Rev. Drew is the Pastor of the First Bap-

tist Church, Huntsville, Alabama.

R. C. Wood and Christine Dickerson were married during the Commencement Exercises in the Chapel of the Seminary. President R. W. Riley officiated. Rev. R. C. Wood (B. Th., '46 A. B. T.) is now furthering his education at A. & I. State College here in the City. Mrs. Wood is operating the school's canteen.

E. W. Lawson (B.Th., '42) is furthering his education at Andover Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Center, Boston, Massachusetts.

T. H. Easley (Minister's Certificate '37), is the Pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church, Nashville Tennessee.

Chaplain C. A. Snooky, (B. Th., '38), is in the Kennedy General Hospital Ward 17 B, Memphis, Tennessee.

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