

the field of work. They are these:

- 1) What was the Christianity which spread?
- 2) Why did Christianity spread?
- 3) Why has Christianity suffered reverses and at times met only partial success?
- 4) By what processes did Christianity spread?
- 5) What effect has Christianity had on its environment?
- 6) What has been the effect of environment on Christianity?
- 7) What bearing do the processes by which Christianity spread have upon the effect of Christianity upon its environment and the environment on Christianity?

There is a lot of challenging thinking in some of those questions and good answers to them will do a lot to stir us in the right way today.

And at this point we end the introduction to the course...much to the delight of young and old alike.

II. The Early Church: Apostolic Period

THE EARLY CHURCH: APOSTOLIC PERIOD

Pentecost -- 150 AD

The designation "early church" is not hard to understand but we call this first portion the "apostolic period" in that it was lived under the age and influence of the Apostles. I am not saying they lived to the end of it but their immediate influence was pronounced throughout this time. We also pick up this part of the work with little emphasis on the history given in the New Testament..individual New Testament courses in the Seminary curriculum are given to cover those needs.

Additional Bibliographic Material

Each section of the syllabus adds a few bibliographic notes to that given earlier. The works treated in