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ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS

Great Gift to Southwestern Announced by President

Friends of Southwestern were electrified on Sunday by the announcement of the gift of \$100,000.00 by Mrs. Mary B. Neely as a memorial to her husband, Hugh M. Neely. The following announcement of this gift appeared in the Memphis Commercial Appeal on Sunday, October 30th:

President Charles E. Diehl, of Southwestern, announces a recent gift of \$100,000 for Southwestern. This gift comes from the generous hand of Mrs. Mary B. Neely, a well-known and honored citizen of Memphis. Mrs. Neely by this gift is establishing a permanent memorial for her deceased husband, Hugh M. Neely, who was for years a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Memphis. The Board of Directors of Southwestern, in consideration of this gift, has agreed to name and dedicate in an appropriate manner the present stone dining hall building on the campus of Southwestern as THE HUGH M. NEELY HALL, and in addition to provide at least two scholarships free of tuition fees. This magnificent gift, therefore, has a threefold purpose. First, to aid Southwestern in its activities; second, to constitute a permanent memorial to the late Hugh M. Neely; and third, to aid young men through scholarships to secure an education.

The older residents of Memphis will recall Colonel Hugh M. Neely, who died August 13th, 1919, as a gallant Confederate veteran, a courageous citizen, and one of the most prominent men of Memphis. Mr. Hugh McDowell Neely, was born November 7th, 1833, in Madison County, Tennessee, but moved with his parents to Shelby County near Memphis in his early childhood. He was of Scotch-Irish descent, the son of Moses and Jane Parks (McDowell) Neely, and was distinguished in that three of his ancestors were signers of the famous Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, General Robert Irwin, John McDowell, and Captain Aelxander. He grew to manhood on a typical ante-bellum Southern plantation, about fifteen miles east of Memphis. He received a thorough academic education, and in early life followed his father's example in becoming a planter. His plans, however, were interrupted by the outbreak of the Civil War.

Mr. Neely rallied to the colors of the Confederacy, enlisting as a private in Company I, 38th

Tennessee Regiment. In the latter part of 1862, he was made Captain of this Company. He served with unusual bravery in all of the important battles fought by the Army of Tennessee, except the Battle of Stone's River. He was absent at that time on account of a severe wound received while storming a battery at the Battle of Perryville, Kentucky. In 1864 he was appointed Acting Adjutant General on the staff of Brigadier General John C. Carter, and served the last year in that capacity conspicuously in Northern Georgia and during Hood's raid in Tennessee. He was at the battle of Franklin and was by the side of Carter in his reckless ride in front of his brigade in the assault upon the enemy's breastworks, but when within about one hundred and fifty yards of them, Carter received a mortal wound, from which he died a few days later. Noticing General Carter reeling in his saddle, Captain Neely leaped from his horse and amid a perfect shower of shot lifted him to the ground and turned him over to some soldiers, with orders to take him to the field hospital. By that time the brigade had passed on and reached the breastworks, but in such shattered condition that it was unable to go over or dislodge the enemy.

Impressed with the necessity and duty of notifying the next ranking officer of General Carter's condition, Captain Neely remounted his horse, intending to ride on, but was scarcely in his saddle before he was wounded and his horse severely shot four times. He abandoned his horse and amid the dead and dying strewn thickly upon the ground, made his way to the breastworks on foot. Captain Neely spoke of that as the loneliest and most uncomfortable walk of his life. After the close of the War, Colonel Neely entered business in Memphis, and for forty years he was a member of the firm of Brooks, Neely and Company.

In 1886 he married Mrs. Mary B. McCown, whose lifelong devotion is characterized by this beautiful gift in his memory. Mrs. McCown is the daughter of William Morgan Sneed, of Vance County, North Carolina, a grandson of Leonard Henderson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina for thirty years. Her mother was Louise Bethel, daughter of General William D. Bethel, of Caswell County, North Carolina.

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THESE STUDENTS PREPARING FOR

WE cannot insist too strongly that without the Christian College the supply of ministers and missionaries would absolutely cease. From 1902 to 1909 Northwestern University, an institution of the Methodist Episcopal Church, furnished four-fifths as many recruits for the foreign missionary service as all the State universities in America combined. There is one State university in this country that has a thousand Methodist students, three thousand students who are members of other evangelical Churches, and a body of alumni numbering eight thousand. Yet, in the past six years this university has furnished less than twenty ministers to all the evangelical Churches combined.

Southwestern has done and is doing its share toward filling the ranks of Christian workers. During the past, several hundred men have gone into Christian service from her halls and at the present time, more than 200 of them are in service as pastors and religious workers in this country and over 30 are serving on the foreign fields.

At the present time 44 students are definitely preparing for some sort of religious work. Their pictures are on this page. Many of these young men and women are helping to earn their own way through school and there's an inspiration for all who feel the call for service in the story of their sacrifices.

Who can measure the potentialities of the young folks pictured here? Who can estimate the value of their service; the souls which will be saved by their labors?



J. P. Laidlaw



Moody McNair



Stanford Parnell



L. P. Watkins



Chester Frist



Pauline Jones



Price Patton



J. K. Johnson



Duke Moody



Ralph Cohen



Warner Hall



Frank Thomason



Virginia Hogg



William Orr



Harvey Kidd



Claude Bowen



W. O. Lindsay



Maury Hull



Charles Robertson



Felix Schneider



Jimmy Randle



James Spencer



Thornton Moore



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Lindsay Gunn



Harry Johns



John Crofton



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Geo. L. Newman



Mary Parker



F. H. Heidleberg



E. W. Parker



Roger Wright



Jack Alexander



Harmon Ayers



Maury Hull



Morris Ford



Malcolm Gibbons



Oscar Sealand



Dorothy Green



Vernon McGee



A. H. Ferguson



Joe Decker



Carlo Papia



J. H. Melvin

Church Workers of Memphis Presbytery Subscribe \$5,433.00 at Opening Meeting

The Campaign workers of the Memphis Presbytery Churches (Memphis Churches not included), met in the First Presbyterian Church, at Jackson, Monday, October 31st, and celebrated Hallowe'en by opening the Campaign in real Festival spirit.

Workers from twenty-one Churches subscribed \$5,433.00 as an indication of their determination to go out and raise their Presbytery quota of \$50,000.00. The quotas of the various Churches were read and very generally accepted as goals toward which to strive.

Dr. W. L. Caldwell, of Nashville, as the principle speaker of the evening, very forcefully and eloquently presented the needs and opportunities of Southwestern. He emphasized the large percentage of leaders Southwestern has turned out, not only in the religious field but in the political and industrial as well. He called attention to the fact that the emphasis at Southwestern was to make men of moral and spiritual fibre and leadership and that approximately one-tenth of the entire student body at the present time was preparing for the Ministry or other definite Christian work as a life calling.

The General Chairman of the Presbytery, Mr. R. B. Clinton, presided at the meeting and stated to the workers that it was his belief that Memphis Presbytery should lead the way in the Campaign; that as the Memphis Presbytery responded to this appeal, so would the rest of the Presbyteries follow its lead.

Two typical churches declared they would raise their quotas. Kerrville, one of the smaller churches, with a stiff quota, pledged its full amount through its Chairman, Mr. R. H. Matthews; R. S. Watkins, Chairman of Dyersburg, with one of the largest quotas, being prevented from attending the meeting by rain, telephoned that their Session accepted their full quota and that they would raise it.

The First Report Meeting will be held in Jackson, Monday, November 7th, at 7:00 o'clock P. M., and the indications are for a large attendance and a very fine report.

Opening Dinner For Workers of Columbia Presbytery

The opening dinner for the church workers of the Columbia Presbytery was held in the large and well appointed dining room of the First Church, Columbia, Tuesday, November 1st. Judge W. S. Fleming, chairman of the Columbia Presbytery, presided. Mr. W. D. Trabue, chairman of the Nashville Presbytery, was the chief speaker and in a most forceful way told of his trip to the

Synod meeting in Memphis last October and of his complete conversion to the Save Southwestern program. He emphasized the fact that the Presbyterians of the Tennessee Synod had not only a legal obligation in connection with Southwestern but a much stronger one, a moral obligation; that, if the Presbyterians are to continue to look the world in the face without a blush they must rally to the cause of their college and save her from destruction; and that only by doing so can they preserve their honor and their self-respect.

Judge Fleming in his usual attractive and convincing way told of the needs of the college and of the duty and privilege the presbytery had in aiding in the great work of educating the youth of the land, the leaders of the next generation in the state and in the church. He expressed his opinion that Columbia Presbytery would do her full share in the campaign.

The majority of the churches of the Presbytery were represented, many of them by quite a few workers. The spirit of the meeting was most optimistic. All present left with a deeper sense of their responsibility and with a determination to go home and put their churches over the top in the campaign.

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After Colonel Neely's retirement in 1905 from the firm of Brooks, Neely & Company, he was made President of the Memphis National Bank. Other important business positions held by Colonel Neely were: Director in the First National Bank, President of the Memphis Cotton Exchange, and President of the Phoenix Fire and Marine Insurance Company. In all of his business dealings and his social relations, Colonel Neely evidenced an integrity of character, an alert intelligence, and a kindness of disposition which commanded the respect and won the confidence of all who knew him. Some one has said: "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die". Such immortality is Colonel Hugh M. Neely's portion, and it is fitting that his worthy name should be permanently memorialized on the campus of a college of high standards which lays its emphasis upon moral character.

In formally acknowledging this gift, President Charles E. Diehl wrote to Mrs. Neely in part as follows: "In establishing this memorial you have done more than honor a worthy name, more than invest \$100,000 in the most permanent and satisfying way, an investment that will bring in the largest returns in life values and in human leadership, you have established a precedent in Memphis, you have blazed a trail which others will follow. Your memorial will set the pace for others who will come forward and memorialize other worthy names. More than that, your generosity, just now as we enter upon a campaign for a large sum of money, will be a stimulus to people outside of Memphis."