

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Held October 27, 1931.

The Board of Directors of Southwestern met in special session on Tuesday, October 27, 1931, in the Directors' Room, Palmer Hall, at 9 a.m.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. John W. Orr.

The roll call showed the entire membership present as follows:
Chas. E. Diehl, ex-officio.

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| ALABAMA: | J.V. Arnold | MISSISSIPPI: | Watkins Overton |
| | D.C. MacGuire | | Fred R. Graves |
| | J.T. Fuller | | G.L. Tucker |
| | John W. Orr | | J.D. Duncan |
| LOUISIANA: | E.B. LeMaster | TENNESSEE: | T.H. Tutwiler |
| | W. McF. Alexander | | Moore Moore |
| | Robert E. Craig | | B.A. Patch |
| | Alfred C. Glassell | | James I. Vance |

The Chairman stated that, in conjunction with Messrs. Overton and Tutwiler, he had invited certain friends of the college, members of the Citizen's Advisory Committee, to meet with the Executive Committee the previous day, and also to be present at this meeting for luncheon and consultation, and that they were expected at twelve o'clock. On motion this action was approved.

The minutes of the last Board meeting were read for information. The minutes of the Executive Committee ^{meetings} since the last meeting of the Board were read and approved.

The Executive Committee recommended for the consideration of the Board the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Chairman of the Executive Committee of Southwestern has been advised by the active members of the Endowment Fund Committee that the membership of the said Committee has been depleted by one death and one resignation, they suggest that the Committee be reorganized, and

WHEREAS he is further advised that the said Committee has never proceeded under the provision of the resolution of the Board of Directors, giving it the power to perpetuate itself by filling vacancies in its membership and does not desire to do so, and

WHEREAS it appears that this Committee was appointed by resolution of the Board of Directors adopted January 27, 1925, for the specific purpose of preserving and investing the endowment funds secured in the Endowment Campaign of 1924 which was directed by Mayor Rowlett Paine, and

WHEREAS it further appears that by resolution of the Board of Directors, adopted January 31, 1928, a special committee having the same personnel as the committee appointed by resolution adopted January 27, 1925, and two addi-

tional members were appointed and vested with the authority to receive, invest and disburse the proceeds of the \$1,200,000 Campaign, then in progress, applying the first \$700,000 to the payment of the mortgage, the remainder to be invested in securities for endowment, and

WHEREAS the amount realized from the campaign was insufficient to pay the mortgage indebtedness, and other means were resorted to in order to supply the deficiency, the function of this committee has been fully discharged, and

WHEREAS, premises considered, it appears now desirable to reorganize the Endowment Fund Committee, fix the term for which its members shall be appointed, and broaden its duties to include the investment of all endowment funds, not only those secured in the Endowment Campaign of 1924, but also the investment and reinvestment of any and all that are now or hereafter may from time to time be dedicated to endowment:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Executive Committee recommend to the Board of Directors of Southwestern the adoption at its next meeting of a resolution, in the form appended hereto, reorganizing the Endowment Fund Committee,

RESOLVED FURTHER That, pending the adoption of the said proposed resolution, the following named gentlemen are appointed as members of the Endowment Fund Committee:

Mr. Frank S. Bragg, Vice-President, Union Planters National Bank & Trust Company, Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. Troy Beatty, Trust Officer, First National Bank, Memphis, Tennessee, and the Chairman of the Board of Directors as ex-officio member, thus constituting the full committee as follows:

Mr. R. Brinkley Snowden, Vice-President, Bank of Commerce & Trust Co., Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. Frank S. Bragg, Vice-President, Union Planters National Bank & Trust Co., Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. Troy Beatty, Trust Officer, First National Bank, Memphis, Tenn.
The President of the college
The Treasurer of the college
The Chairman of the Board of Directors ex-officio.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
SOUTHWESTERN CONCERNING ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Southwestern: That the resolution of the Board of Directors adopted January 27, 1925, appointing an Endowment Fund Committee be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

This Committee is designated as the Endowment Fund Investment Committee.

Its membership shall consist of not less than five, nor more than seven, two of whom shall be the President and the Treasurer of Southwestern. The Chairman of the Board shall be ex-officio a member of the Committee. The

other members shall be outstanding bankers or financiers of Memphis. Not more than one member shall be selected from any one financial institution. They shall be nominated by the Chairman and appointed by the Board of Directors at its annual meeting, to serve one year or until their successors are appointed and qualified. It shall be the duty of the Committee to select and determine the kind and character of investment, or reinvestment of the funds of the college that are now or hereafter may from time to time be dedicated to endowment, having in mind the need of the college to receive the highest yield consistent with safety or principal.

It shall from time to time review the list of securities and other investments held in the endowment, and shall have full power to dispose of such as it considers undesirable and invest the proceeds otherwise.

The Treasurer or his representative shall report to the Chairman of the Committee whenever there is as much as \$5000.00 of endowment fund available for investment, and, upon the selection and purchasing of any investment, invoice giving full details shall be rendered. The approval of this by a majority of the Committee, or by the Chairman on behalf of the Committee, shall be the authority for the Treasurer or his representative to apply the funds and receive the security or other character of the investment purchased.

The Committee shall select as a Chairman one of its members appointed by the Board of Directors. It shall select a secretary, who may or may not be a member of the Committee. It shall formulate its own rules and method of procedure.

RESOLVED FURTHER That all resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

On motion, duly seconded, this resolution was adopted.

A communication was received from New Orleans Presbytery, asking the Board to assume the payment of interest on the sum of \$7,500 which they had borrowed to cover the unpaid part of Colonel J.D. Hill's subscription to Southwestern. This was referred to a special committee, composed of Messrs. MacGuire and Fuller, to frame a reply.

A letter was also read, addressed to Mr. Glassell, for the consideration of the Board, recommending for the honorary degree of doctor of divinity, the Rev. W.F. O'Kelley, of Minden, Louisiana. This was referred to the Committee on Honorary Degrees for consideration at the proper time.

Upon motion, the hour of 12:20 was fixed for luncheon recess.

At this time the Chair recognized Mayor Watkins Overton, who made a statement of his position with regard to his recent election by the Synod of Mississippi, which had elected him for a term of one year only, taking the position that at that time the Synod would abrogate the concurrent resolution and elect only members from within its bounds. Mr. Overton expressed his willingness to serve if the Board felt that it was to the best interests of the college. In this connection, Dr. Alexander moved the adoption of the following resolution:

"RESOLVED That the Board of Directors of Southwestern hereby seat Mr. Overton as a member of the Board to act until his successor be legally elected by the Synod he represents".
The motion, seconded by Dr. Vance, was adopted.

In connection with the recent action of the Synod of Mississippi, Mr. LeMaster offered a paper for consideration, and Dr. Graves also had some written suggestions to offer. Upon motion, both of these papers were referred to a special committee, composed of Judge Fuller, Dr. Vance and Dr. Alexander, to collaborate with Dr. Graves in consideration of these papers.

Mr. Tutwiler was recognized by the Chair to state the financial status of the college. He was followed by Dr. Diehl, who gave the details of the deficit and prospects in regard to same. This brought on a general discussion of the financial situation, which was interrupted by the luncheon hour.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with the following visitors present: Joseph A. Fowler, R.B. Clinton, T.K. Riddick, F.N. Fisher, F.M. Guthrie, W.C. Johnson and W.J. Prescott.

The general discussion of finances was shared by practically everyone present and continued until 4:10 p.m., when the visitors departed.

Judge Fuller, for the special committee, recommended the adoption of Mr. LeMaster's paper, which was done. This paper is as follows:

WHEREAS, this Board has been advised of certain action regarding Southwestern taken by the Synod of Mississippi at its meeting held September 17, 1931; and

WHEREAS, it is further advised that included in such action was the appointment of a committee of five members to confer with like committee from the associated Synods, if appointed, regarding the matter of the acceptability or non-acceptability of the President of Southwestern and other matters touching Southwestern; and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that the Synod of Mississippi, in its action taken at said meeting of September 17, has exceeded its power and authority in several matters pertaining to Southwestern, including its consideration of the acceptability or non-acceptability of the President of Southwestern and its appointment of a committee to confer and report upon this question and other matters; and

WHEREAS, this Board does not believe that the authority of said committee, if legally appointed, extends to an investigation of the college and its administration, but, nevertheless, the Board deems it proper that its conduct of Southwestern be at all times open to investigation and examination.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That any member of said committee of the Synod of Mississippi, or of a like committee of any of the associated Synods, be given free access to the minutes of the Board and of the Executive Committee and be allowed full liberty in conducting such investigation of the college as he may desire, provided such investigation does not involve the college in expense nor interfere with its orderly administration.

Upon motion, it was ordered that a copy of this paper be given to the press and a copy sent to the Stated Clerk of the Synod of Mississippi.

Dr. Vance read a communication from Judge Alexander W. Chambliss, which he asked be spread on the minutes of this meeting. Upon motion this was ordered done. The communication is as follows:

"SUPREME COURT
"STATE OF TENNESSEE
"NASHVILLE

"October 20, 1931.

"Dr. James I. Vance,
"Nashville, Tennessee.

"My dear Dr. Vance,

"In response to your letter of recent date calling my attention to certain criticisms directed at your son, Currell Vance, Esq., a highly thought of member of the Nashville bar, and incidentally at you because of the relationship, I feel sure there can be no impropriety in my reassuring you with respect to the matter mentioned.

"It so happens that I was a member of our Supreme Court to whom was assigned the duty of preparing the opinion of the Court in the very important and complicated litigation between Southwestern University and the City of Clarksville, which extended over a number of years and involved questions of great importance, not only to the litigants but to the profession generally.

"In this way I became particularly familiar with the extent and character of this litigation, and I have no hesitation in saying that the fee which I understood was paid to Mr. Currell Vance for his services is in my judgment reasonable and fair. Especially is this so in view of the facts, as to which I am informed outside of the record, with respect to the various services rendered by him in addition to the conduct of that specific litigation, these services extending over a considerable period of time and embracing many matters of importance.

"It is sometimes difficult for a layman to understand and appreciate the pecuniary value of professional services, and the fixing of fees is always a more or less delicate and difficult matter. In this particular case I am inclined to believe that none of the lawyers who were interested in, or connected with, this litigation would be disposed to criticize the compensation paid for professional services.

"I am,

"Sincerely yours,

"Alexander W. Chambliss".

Judge Fuller, for the committee, offered the following paper, which was adopted:

"To the Presbytery of New Orleans

"Dear Brethren,

"Your communication of date October 24, 1931 to the Board of Directors of Southwestern, requesting the Board to assume and pay the interest on the loan of \$7,500 advanced

by New Orleans Presbytery to Southwestern in anticipation of the unpaid balance on the subscription of the late Col. J.D. Hill, has been received, read, and given due consideration.

"We appreciate fully the position taken by the Presbytery of New Orleans, but the college has no funds out of which the interest or any part thereof can be paid".

Upon motion, Mayor Watkins Overton was elected Vice-Chairman of the Board and Executive Committee.

Dr. Vance, for his committee, reported that a reply to the Central Mississippi Presbytery had been sent. Upon motion, this was approved, and the paper from Central Mississippi Presbytery and the reply were ordered incorporated in these minutes. They are as follows:

"(The following copy for information of Directors from Synod of Mississippi.)

"MEMORIAL FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI,
OF THE SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, U.S.,
TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTHWESTERN, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

"The Presbytery of Central Mississippi desires, in sending this memorial, to reaffirm its interest in Christian Education and to assure you that it will continue to give to this worthy cause and the Synod's school its sympathetic and sincere support.

"If we are to conserve the high interests of this Christian school, perpetuate the contribution it has made to the leadership of the Church, and continue the influences and ideals which have so enriched the life of the home and society, this Presbytery believes that it is imperatively demanded:

"First: That the school be definitely and positively Christian in its atmosphere, its ideals, and its teachings.

"Second: That the financial management of the school be on a conservative business basis, and that no further indebtedness be incurred.

"With reference to doctrines and practices, no church has a right to bring into being, have the government of, maintain and foster an institution which is not true to her moral standards, that does not accept her spiritual verities, that does not cherish her ideals, and that does not fashion its life according to her deliverances.

"The Presbyterian Church has always tried to safeguard the interests of her members and to conserve her own life by requiring that the faith of her leaders shall be in conformity with the faith of the Church. It would be an anomaly for a church to make this requirement for an elder in a small home mission church and have no standard of orthodoxy for the president, members of the board of trustees and faculty who guide and govern our colleges, institutions which have to do with the training of her sons and daughters in the formative period of their lives.

"The Presbyterian Church has given her testimony not only by the doctrines she has taught but by the virtues her members have practiced. The teaching of the Shorter Catechism in conjunction with Sabbath observance, the family altar, integrity of life, and purity in heart, speech and behavior have been her united testimony. These were the doctrines and practices which differentiated the Scotch-Irish homes of the men who founded Log College and Liberty Hall Academy from the homes of the followers of Charles II with their laxer standards and looser morals.

"This Presbytery can see no reason, in this time of spiritual unrest and unsettled morals, for making any departure in faith and practice from the Presbyterian standards of doctrine and life which characterized Southwestern in the days of Waddell, Shearer, Webb, Alexander, and their worthy associates.

"With reference to conducting Southwestern on a conservative business basis and avoiding further indebtedness, this Presbytery would respectfully but earnestly call the Board's attention to the fact, that in this, an issue of far reaching consequence is involved.

"We are sure that the Board has not forgotten how the life of Southwestern was imperilled by the incurring of an enormous debt. Not only was the life of Southwestern hazarded by the debt, but the honor of the Synods and good name of our beloved Church was involved by the use of endowment funds, which we believe should be held as a sacred trust.

"The gratitude which all feel, that the institution was saved and the honor of the Church protected, cannot be regarded as an authorization of, or license for the Board to create other debts. The General Assembly has an Ad-Interim Committee to consider the question of the right of boards of trustees of schools and colleges to incur debts and morally, if not legally, bind the churches, presbyteries and synods when these have not given their permission to be so bound. The purpose of this consideration being to frame an amendment to our form of government which would prohibit boards of trustees of schools from incurring debts without first having specific authorization of the church courts which appointed them.

"The Synod of Mississippi, in its meeting in Memphis, passed a resolution on this matter as follows:

" 'WHEREAS, The Executive Committee of Education of the Synod of Mississippi and the Board of Trustees of the School, owned in whole or in part, are the agent of the Synod and any or all debts made by them for the schools are moral and perhaps legal obligations binding the Synod. The Synod now instructs and directs its Executive Committee of Education and all the school boards not to create debts for permanent improvements of these schools without first securing the approval of Synod, and further not to approve budgets for the operation of the schools beyond the respective schools reasonable expectation of being able to pay. '

"This Presbytery feels that the members of the Board of Southwestern from this Synod will obey the instructions of their Synod and not approve the incurring of debt for Southwestern either for current expense budget or for improvements. This Presbytery would ask the other members of Southwestern Board to cooperate with the members of the Synod of Mississippi so that the institution may not be cumbered with debt.

"This Presbytery feels that no Board has the moral right to put upon the Synod a debt without first having the permission of Synod to do so. The property of Southwestern should not be endangered by the incurring of debt. The budget of the school must be brought within the income of the school. The financial depression is such that the school will be hampered, if not destroyed, by not living within its income. To this end we would ask that the Board, if it has not already done so, not allow any expenditures to be made without having first been approved by the Board and would urge the Board to approve no budget unless in its judgment the income of the school is sufficient to meet all the items of the budget.

"This Presbytery would ask the Board to seriously consider the advisability of retaining as President of the school one who is unacceptable to a large portion of the constituency of the school and of the controlling Synods.

"This memorial is sent because of the Presbytery's interest in Christian education and because of Presbytery's desire to promote the best interests of Southwestern, and because Presbytery feels that the things herein set forth are essential to the good of the institution and for the best interests of the work of our Church.

"Adopted - April 15th, 1931, in executive session.
Rising vote forty-two to five.

"E.W. FORD, Stated Clerk".

"To the Presbytery of Central Mississippi:

"Dear Brethren,

"We have received your memorial with regard to Southwestern and its interests, and rejoice in your concern for its welfare and development. We would make the following reply:

"We are in hearty accord with nearly everything in your paper, and are not in dissent, we feel, with the views which you state concerning the administration of the college. We certainly are strongly desirous that the school be definitely and positively Christian in its atmosphere, its ideals, and its teachings.

"We are also doing, and have been doing, everything in our power to see that the financial management of the school is on a conservative business basis. We are so much opposed to incurring further debt that many of us feel it would be better to close the college altogether than by keeping it open to pile up another big debt.

"We certainly agree with you in the position that the church is wasting its time and its money in establishing and maintaining a school that is hostile to the moral standards and spiritual verities of the church itself and that declines to cherish the church's ideals and refuses to fashion its life according to the church's deliverances.

"We would, however, call your attention to an extreme view in regard to those things which might imperil the usefulness of a college under church administration and substitute for Christian ideals and convictions sectarian shibboleths and prejudices.

"One of the founders of Southwestern was Dr. Benjamin F.

Palmer, a great Christian statesman as well as a prophet of God. In his experience he had discovered the peril of allowing the matters connected with college administration to be discussed and issued on the floor of church courts. He, therefore, saw to it that the charter of Southwestern was of such a character as to prevent this, its management being solely and supremely in the hands of trustees elected by the courts of the church.

"Of course, we all understand that this does not mean that the college is to defy church sentiment, but it does protect college administration from hectoring on the part of people who may have a grievance.

"With regard to the economic administration of the college, we are in keenest sympathy with the views which you express. It is our effort to pare down expenses to the quick. The budget is guarded jealously, and any unnecessary expenses cut off.

"At the same time, you can easily see the difficulties which beset us by reason of our effort to maintain a first class college. It is a great asset for us to be able to maintain our standing with the Southern Association of Colleges. The value of our degrees depends in some measure upon this. We are, however, in such a position that unless we succeed in securing an adequate income, we shall be forced to lower our standards and to offer courses that will not be able to rank us with the first class colleges of the land.

"The city of Memphis has been most generous, not only in providing funds for the creation of the plant, but in supplementing the annual budget in amounts from \$60,000 to \$80,000 a year. In view of the recent attacks which have been made upon our president, the people of Memphis are hesitant about continuing this aid. Should Memphis decline to supplement our income, a grave situation would develop, indeed, is already upon us. Southwestern has become a great asset to the church. It may be easily made a liability.

"With regard to your suggestion that we seriously consider the advisability of retaining as president of the school one who is unacceptable to a large portion of the constituency of the school and of the controlling Synods, I would say that we are desirous of doing that which is for the best interests of Southwestern. We are willing to receive advice from any who are unselfishly devoted to Southwestern as a high-grade college of the Southern Presbyterian Church, But we cannot surrender the responsibility which rests upon us to administer the institution according to our best judgment. We need the prayers perhaps far more than the criticisms of the church at this serious juncture in the life of our college, and we seek and ask the help that comes from Him for Whose glory and the progress of Whose kingdom this college was built and is being conducted.

"With Christian esteem, we beg to remain,

"Faithfully your servants in the Lord,
"The Board of Trustees of Southwestern.

(Signed) "James I. Vance
"Jerome T. Fuller
"W. McF. Alexander,
"Committee".

Dr. Vance also reported that, at the fall meeting of Nashville Presbytery, Dr. Diehl's requested investigation of his theological views had been taken up. The special committee, appointed at the spring meeting of Nashville Presbytery to investigate this matter and report to the Presbytery, made its report, which included a questionnaire to which Dr. Diehl had made reply, and also numerous letters which had been received on the subject. After a full discussion of the matter, Presbytery gave Dr. Diehl a unanimous vote of approval. Upon motion, this questionnaire, together with Dr. Diehl's answers, and the action of the Presbytery, was ordered incorporated in these minutes.

FROM THE MINUTES OF PRESBYTERY OF NASHVILLE
STATED FALL MEETING, SPRING CREEK CHURCH
GREENWOOD, TENNESSEE - SEPTEMBER 29 & 30, 1931.

"REPORT OF THE AD INTERIM COMMITTEE IN RE: DR. CHARLES E. DIEHL
CASE TO NASHVILLE PRESBYTERY OF THE SYNOD OF TENNESSEE.

"Your Ad Interim Committee begs leave to submit the following report in reference to the theological views of the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Diehl.

"At the stated Spring meeting of Nashville Presbytery held in the Y.M.C.A., Nashville, Tennessee, April 21st, 22nd, 1931, on the recommendation of the Judicial Committee of Presbytery the following item was adopted:

" 'Whereas, the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Diehl has voluntarily appeared before the Presbytery of Nashville and called its attention to the fact that his orthodoxy has been called into question,

" 'And whereas, Ruling Elder E.T. Hollins, of the Woodland Street Presbytery Church of Nashville, Tennessee, a member of this Presbytery, has filed charges of unorthodoxy against the said Rev. Dr. Charles E. Diehl concerning his views on the inspiration of the Sacred Scriptures,

" 'And whereas, a number of ministers of our Church have made charges against Dr. Diehl's orthodoxy on various points,

" 'And whereas, we believe that it is for the peace, unity and purity of the Church, and the honor and majesty of the Lord Jesus Christ, as King and Head thereof, and that it is for the best interest of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., Nashville Presbytery, the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Diehl, and the great institution of which he is the head, your Judicial Committee recommends:

" 'That Presbytery place the matter on the docket for the Fall Meeting of Presbytery, and that an Ad Interim Committee of Investigation consisting of three ministers and two elders be appointed to thoroughly investigate the matter and report to Presbytery at the time of the Fall Meeting at Spring Creek Church.

"J.H. Lacy, Chairman
"J.E. Napier
"Albert Duling
"H.R. McFadyen

"E.W. Williams
"A.S. Allen
"J.S. Sibley
"Judicial Committee'

"In compliance with these instructions the Moderator of Presbytery, the Rev. Charles F. Rankin, appointed the following Committee:

"Rev. J.S. Sibley, Chairman, Rev. Walter L. Caldwell, Rev. E.W. Williams, and Ruling Elders W.D. Trabue and C.W. Jones.

"Your Committee has sought Divine guidance in all of its deliberations, holding the necessary meetings of the Committee, and writing letters to numerous individuals, all of whom were credible witnesses, in order to secure all the information possible. These witnesses included those who represent both sides of this controversy. Your Committee found a fine spirit of cooperation on the part of Dr. Diehl and all parties with whom we have corresponded.

"Your Committee has for reasons, which are self-evident, tried to conduct this investigation as quietly and privately as possible so as to avoid publicity. We have done this by private correspondence, so that all statements would be submitted in writing.

"From the various communications placed in the hands of your Committee by those who bring complaint against Dr. Diehl, your Committee finds that Dr. Diehl is said to be at variance with the doctrinal system of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., as set forth in the Standards of the Church, in the following items:

"His belief concerning the inspiration of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, the atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit's person and work, hell, and eternal punishment, the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the deity of Christ, the miracles, missions, and the catechetical instruction of the Church. The correspondence concerning these matters is in the hands of your Committee and is available to any who may desire to refer to it.

"From the correspondence we prepared and sent to Dr. Diehl a questionnaire including every point at which it was alleged that he was not in accord with the standards of our Church. To this questionnaire Dr. Diehl made a full and frank reply which we submit herewith, together with the questions asked:

"I - The Scriptures - The Old and New Testaments:

"1st - What is your belief in regard to the inspiration of the sacred Scriptures?

"I have read very carefully Chapter 1 of the 'Confession of Faith', 'Of the Holy Scripture', and I subscribe to that statement.

"I believe that the writers of the Bible were inspired, that 'holy men spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost,' that the Bible is the authoritative and trustworthy and progressive revelation of God's will and nature. I believe that the Bible is supremely the revelation of God's love through Jesus Christ our Lord, that 'the Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man', that it is 'the only infallible rule of faith and practice', that it alone answers the question, 'How shall man be just with God?'

"2nd - Are there any passages in the Bible you reject? If so, please designate them.

"No.

"3d - Do you believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the infallible Word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

"I believe 'the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice'.

"4th - Do you believe that the Scripture is the authoritative revelation of the revealed will of God ?

"I most assuredly do.

"5th - What are your beliefs as to the historical and scientific accuracy of the opening chapters of the book of Genesis ?

"I believe that the Bible is infallible for its own ends and purpose, in accordance with its own declarations (2 Timothy 3:15-17), namely, as a guide to salvation and all moral and spiritual duties. While I do not conceive of the opening chapters of the book of Genesis as intended to teach science, I do believe that they contain valuable historical material and information. Properly interpreted there is no conflict between these chapters and true science. I believe that the opening chapters of the book of Genesis are an inspired introduction to the scheme of redemption set forth in the Holy Scriptures.

"6th - Do you accept the imprecatory Psalms as parts of the Scriptures ?

"Yes.

"II - The Atonement.

"You say that you believe in the vicarious atonement of our Lord. Do you accept and adopt the satisfaction and penal theories of the atonement as your belief ? If not, state your views clearly.

"Yes: I believe in the vicarious atonement of our Lord, by which I mean that the sacrifice of Christ takes the place of the punishment due to sinners. I believe that salvation originates in God's love and mercy, that He takes the initiative in salvation. I believe, since the Holy God must hate sin, in the necessity of the atonement as indispensable to the divine pardon of sin and the salvation of the world, and in the efficacy of the atonement as wrought by Jesus Christ. I believe that the Christian doctrine of the atonement is rooted in the Christian doctrine of the deity of Christ, and that the central article of the Christian faith is that Christ died for our sins. I believe that the sinless Christ endured sufferings which He did not personally deserve, and underwent an experience such as belonged to sinful man, rather than to Him, and that He did this to secure the salvation of men, that He was 'made sin for our sakes', that He was treated as a sinner in order that, in consequence of what happened to Him, sinners may become righteous before God. I believe that Christ's experience of the consequences of sin was entirely vicarious and representative, that His sacrifice removed the obstacles to pardon, enabling God to treat His sinning children as all along He wanted to treat them, that the sacrifice of Christ fulfills a condition of the operation of God's grace, and safeguards the divine self-consistency in forgiveness.

"Doubtless there is truth in every one of the many theories or interpretations or explanations of this divine mystery, which to me is as great a mystery as is the mystery of regeneration. Of course, it is the fact and not the explanation of the atonement that saves. I am not sure exactly what is meant by the term 'satisfaction and penal theories', but I assume that the following statement from the Shorter Catechism covers what is meant, and this I heartily accept:

" 'Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us'.

"Our Confession of Faith does not develop any particular theory or interpretation of the atonement, but it does clearly state the fact in Chapter II, section 3: I accept this statement without reservation, and I would add to it that the death of Christ is a revelation of an experience in the heart of God, that God Himself suffered in the agony of our Lord on the Cross.

" 'Christ, by his obedience and death, did fully discharge the debt of all those that are thus justified, and did make a proper, real and full satisfaction to His Father's justice in their behalf. Yet in as much as he was given by the Father for them, and his obedience and satisfaction accepted in their stead, and both freely not for any thing in them, their justification is only of free grace; that both the exact justice, and rich grace of God, might be glorified in the justification of sinners'.

"III - The Holy Spirit.

"What are your beliefs concerning the Person and work of the Holy Spirit ?

"Concerning the Person and work of the Holy Spirit, I believe what is revealed; namely, that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, the author of regeneration, and the One who works with us in sanctification. I believe that He is, so to speak, the executive of the Godhead, that He 'applies the redemption purchased by Christ, that He persuades and enables man to obey the call of the gospel, and dwells continually in every believer as the spirit of truth, of holiness, of power and of comfort, and is thereby the author of all Christian experience'. (Brief statement of Assembly, 1913)

"IV - Hell, and Eternal Punishment.

"1st - Do you believe in the doctrine of hell ?

"Yes: I believe that there is a hell. I believe that we live in a moral universe, and that sin, every sin, is punished inevitably, that the consequences of sin are terrible, fearful beyond expression, and that the penalty of sin does not exhaust itself on this side of the grave.

"2nd - Do you believe in the eternal punishment of the finally impenitent ?

"Yes: I believe that as long as there is sin there is punishment, that punishment is as extensive and as enduring as sin, that punishment is inevitable and will continue as long as men are impenitent. We must leave the matter in the hands of our Heavenly Father, assured that the Judge of all the earth will do right.

"V - The Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

"1st - Please state your belief concerning the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

"I accept fully the clear statements of the Gospels with regard to this fact.

"2nd - Do you believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ ?

"Yes.

"VI - The Deity of Christ.

"1st - State your views of the Deity of Christ Jesus.

"Perhaps the most succinct and satisfying statement with regard to my views of the deity of Christ Jesus is found in the Shorter Catechism, which is as follows:

" 'The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man, in two distinct natures, and one person, forever'.

A similar statement is found in the Apostle's Creed, which I also accept.

"2nd - Do you heartily and fully accept the doctrine of the virgin birth of Jesus Christ ?

"I do.

"VII - Miracles.

"Please state clearly your belief concerning the miracles.

"If a man is a supernaturalist, as I am, and believes, as I do, in the supreme miracles, the virgin birth of our Lord and His resurrection, which is the fundamental fact on which the Christian Church has been built, he does not have difficulty in accepting the other lesser miracles, especially so when the miraculous element is so interwoven with the other elements of the gospel story that it is impossible to separate it from the fabric of the divine revelation.

"VIII - Missions.

"What are your views concerning the salvation or loss of the heathen ?

"I am much more concerned about my obligation to give the Gospel to the heathen than I am about God's final judgment of them, which is a matter that is entirely in His hands. Jesus clearly indicated that there are graded penalties, that some servants are beaten with few stripes and some with many stripes (Luke 12:47-48), and God's judgment will undoubtedly take into account a man's opportunity or lack of opportunity as well as every other factor which should be considered (Luke 10:13-14). The Confession of Faith, chapter 10, section 3, speaking of 'other elect persons who are incapable of being outwardly called by the ministry of the word' declares that they 'are regenerated and saved by Christ through the Spirit who worketh when and where and how He pleaseth'. I am happy to believe this. Notwithstanding the fact that there is no chapter in our Confession of Faith on missions, there is nothing in Christ's teaching that is more clearly stated than the Great Commission, and the obligation to carry out His command, recorded in the closing verses of the Gospel of Matthew, leaves us no alternative.

"IX - The Catechisms.

"Please state clearly as possible your views concerning the Catechisms of the Church.

"The catechisms of the church are a brief statement of the Calvinistic system of doctrine to which I subscribe. As brief statement of the Calvinistic system, the catechisms of our church are probably unsurpassed, but they require a maturity of mind for their understanding and a knowledge of philosophy for their appreciation, which seems to me to make the memorizing of them on the part of young children of doubtful value as a means of education in religion. Certainly this practice is not in accord with the best pedagogical method in any field of education. It is not to the content of the catechisms that I took exception, but it is the catechetical method as to the value of which I am inclined to be in doubt. For young children a catechism in simple language may be of great value if carefully and intelligently used, but to have a child memorize long and unfamiliar words which he can hardly pronounce, and the meaning of which he cannot comprehend, does not seem to me to be a wise method."

Chas. E. Diehl.

June 25, 1931.

"As your Committee was appointed solely for the purpose of thoroughly investigating and not to pass judgment in this important matter, it has endeavored clearly and faithfully to present in this report the results of our investigation and leave the matter in the hands of the Presbytery for such action as the Presbytery may desire to take.

"Respectfully submitted,

"Julian S. Sibley, Chmn.
"W.L. Caldwell

"C.W. Jones
"W.D. Trabue
"E.W. Williams "

"RESOLUTION ON CASE OF DR. DIEHL

"The following resolution was adopted:

"Presbytery having heard the report of the Ad Interim Committee appointed to investigate the whole matter touching Dr. Chas. E. Diehl's orthodoxy, hereby declares this reexamination into the doctrinal views of Dr. Diehl, originating in his own request, to be satisfactory. Presbytery reaffirms its confidence in Dr. Diehl as a true minister of Jesus Christ and an acceptable member of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. The charges preferred against him by Elder E.T. Hollins are hereby dismissed.

"Rev. Chas. E. Diehl addressed the Presbytery regarding charges which had been made against him and concerning his loyalty to the standards of the church.

"Presbytery instructed the Treasurer of Presbytery to reimburse the Ad Interim Committee for expenses incurred in connection with this investigation, commended the committee for its diligence and the spirit in which it had discharged its duties, and the committee was discharged".

Upon motion, it was further ordered that these proceedings, together with the questionnaire and answers, be published in the college bulletin.

As a culmination of the discussion of the finances of the college, the following resolution was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried:

"The President and Secretary of Southwestern are authorized to negotiate a loan, not exceeding \$50,000, from the banks to be used as needed on the operating expenses of the current year, said loan to be liquidated by receipts from the efforts of the Board to raise \$35,000 in the four Synods, and efforts to of citizens to raise \$40,000 from the people of Memphis, including the Presbyterian constituency of Memphis, and from such other funds as may be properly applied by the college to this purpose".

Upon motion, Judge Fuller for Alabama, Dr. Tucker for Mississippi, Mr. Glassell for Louisiana, and Dr. Vance for Tennessee, were appointed chairmen for their respective sections in furtherance of this plan for raising funds, and the Executive Committee was directed to call a meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Committee and report the action of the Board in regard to this matter.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Dr. Alexander.


Secretary.

DEGREES IN COURSE CONFERRED AT THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF SOUTHWESTERN
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1931

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HONORARY DEGREES CONFERRED AT COMMENCEMENT OF SOUTHWESTERN
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1931

DOCTOR OF DIVINITY

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| The Reverend Arthur Finley Fogartie Pastor, First Presbyterian Church | Selma, Alabama |
| The Reverend Robert Ira Long Pastor, Presbyterian Church | Slidell, Louisiana |
| The Reverend Homer McMillan McLain Superintendent, Home Missions in North Mississippi Presbytery | Oxford, Mississippi |
| The Reverend Thomas Edward Peck Woods Associate Headmaster, McCallie School | Chattanooga, Tennessee |

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| Pritchett Alfred Lyon President, State Teachers College | Murfreesboro, Tennessee |
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