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ASSEMBLY STRESSES EDUCATION

Committee States Aims of Christian Education Movement

The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. is this year emphasizing the subject of Christian Education. For this reason the report of the Standing Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief to the General Assembly at Montreat last May is of particular interest. That portion of the Committee's report which deals with the Christian Education Movement is reproduced here.

"This is the Christian Education Assembly. Last year the Assembly set apart the Church Years 1941-42 and 1942-43 as a period in which Christian Education should be emphasized.

The aims of the Christian Education Movement are:

1. To convince the members of the Church of the fundamental importance of our educational institutions and of the imperative need that they be properly endowed and equipped, and provided with thoroughly trained spiritual administrators and teachers.

2. To discover the facts which will suggest to our Church courts and to the trustees or directors and to the administrators of our educational institutions, plans and programs which may improve the educational service of our Church.

3. To arouse each synod to an appreciation of our great opportunity in the body of our students at our own and other educational institutions.

4. To increase the interest of Presbyterian parents and young people in Christian Education to the end that they may appreciate the benefits of the Christian emphasis in education and receive the advantages afforded by our Church schools.

By these means the Christian Education Movement should increase the spiritual strength of the youth of the Church and advance the Kingdom of God.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Your Committee recommends:

That this Assembly again call the attention of the Church to this Christian Education Movement and reaffirm the action of the Assembly of 1940.

We urge that the Special Committee appointed to plan, direct and execute this program, call upon the whole Church for the prayerful, diligent and earnest promotion of this Christian Education Movement; that full cooperation on the part of the committees of each synod and presbytery and on the part of the organizations of each congregation be enlisted, and that each be requested to give sufficient time for emphasis and for full information regarding the Christian Education Movement."

Know Your Church College Better

During the next two years, Presbyterians throughout the South will be thinking more and more about their colleges and seminaries. The General Assembly has set apart these years as a period during which the matter of Christian Education shall receive special attention and consideration. In the Synods of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee, Southwestern is one of the first institutions which comes to mind when Presbyterians are thinking about the church college. This is necessarily true, since Southwestern is a fully accredited four year college for young men and young women operated by the Presbyterians of these four Synods. Southwestern has been their joint enterprise for more than sixty-five years —ever since 1875.

As part of the church-wide emphasis on Christian Education, it is fitting that the Presbyterians of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee should know about the organization and activities of the Presbyterian college for which they are specifically responsible. This Southwestern bulletin has been prepared to give essential information of just this sort.

Southwestern Accredited By Highest Agencies

To be accredited, a college must come up to certain requirements in equipment, faculty, instructional methods and academic standards.

The first and most general accrediting agency in this region is the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. Southwestern has long been accredited by this association—as are most other colleges in this region.

Whether a college is fully accredited, however, depends upon whether it is on the approved list of the Association of American Universities.

Southwestern is one of approximately 240 colleges and universities on the approved list of this Association. Though there are over 1500 colleges and universities in the United States, a great many of which are accredited by the proper regional accrediting agency, only a limited number have the sort of faculty, equipment, and educational standards to enable them to be approved by the 35 leading universities as institutions whose graduates are admitted without question to the graduate schools of the Association.

SOUTHWESTERN FOUNDED NEARLY A CENTURY AGO

A Presbyterian College Since 1855

Four Synods Cooperate

Few people who know the college campus and its modern buildings think of Southwestern as being an old college. Yet, in fact, Southwestern is one of the older institutions of higher education in this section of the country.

The college was founded in 1848 at Clarksville, Tennessee, by the Masonic Grand Lodge of the State of Tennessee. In those early days it was known as Montgomery Masonic College, being financed in large part by the Masonic Fraternity of Montgomery County of which Clarksville is the county seat.

The institution became a Presbyterian college in 1855 when it was taken over by the Synod of Nashville of the Presbyterian Church. At the same time the name was changed to Stewart College in honor of the President of the College, William M. Stewart.

The work of Stewart College was discontinued during the War Between the States, its buildings were occupied by troops and a large part of its equipment scattered or destroyed. Immediately after the war, however, the college reopened and started to work reconstructing its depleted resources.

As part of the program of reorganization, the Presbyterians of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi joined with the Synod of Tennessee, and the College became the joint educational project of the four Synods. This cooperative arrangement has continued to the present.

In 1875 when the several Synods came together in this common education endeavor, the name of Stewart College was changed to Southwestern Presbyterian University.

It was in 1925 that the College moved from Clarksville to Memphis to continue its work in a new set of buildings which had been built during the two preceding years. At the time of this move the shorter name of "Southwestern" was adopted.

Southwestern's library has approximately 50,000 volumes. Some 3,000 new books are added each year.

FOUR SYNODS ARE REPRESENTED ON SOUTHWESTERN BOARD

Most Presbyterians know that Southwestern is a Presbyterian College, and that in some way it is a co-operative undertaking on the part of several Synods. But, specifically, just how is the College related to the Church, and who is responsible for its government?

The government of Southwestern rests in the hands of a Board of Directors. The Presbyterian Synods of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee, are each equally represented on this Board. Four directors are elected by each of the four cooperating Synods. When each Synod meets in the fall of the year, it elects a director for a term of four years, thus preserving a four year rotation in office. It is provided that one of the directors representing each Synod shall be a Presbyterian resident in Memphis. In this way each cooperating Synod may have a representative available at all times to counsel and advise with the administrative officers of the College.

In addition to the sixteen elected directors, the President of Southwestern is an ex-officio member of the Board. Regular meetings of the Board are held twice a year, in September and in February.

The present Board of Directors of Southwestern is composed of the following:

Representing the Synod of Alabama:

Dr. Donald C. MacGuire, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Montgomery, Ala.
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Mr. Warren Potts, Merchants and Farmers National Bank Bank, Kosciusko, Miss.
The Rev. George M. Smiley, Pastor of the Amory Presbyterian Church, Amory, Miss.
Mr. W. Stennis Johnston, First National Bank, McComb, Miss.

Representing the Synod of Tennessee:

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Mr. William Hume, Attorney, Nashville, Tenn.
Dr. Moore Moore, Physician and Surgeon, Memphis, Tenn.
Mr. B. A. Patch, A. H. Patch Manufacturing Co., Clarksville, Tenn.

About 36 per cent of Southwestern's graduates continue their education in graduate or professional schools and approximately 23 per cent receive advanced degrees in the Ministry, Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Architecture, and other professions.

DR. CHARLES E. DIEHL ELECTED MODERATOR

President of Southwestern Since 1917

CHARLES E. DIEHL

Dr. Charles E. Diehl, President of Southwestern, was elected Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. when the Assembly met in Montreat, North Carolina, May 22.

President Diehl was born in West Virginia. He graduated from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, in 1896. In 1900 he graduated from the Princeton Theological Seminary, and in the same year received the M.A. degree from Princeton University. Southwestern Presbyterian University honored him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1910, and Davidson College conferred the Doctor of Laws degree on him in 1926.

Dr. Diehl was ordained in the Presbyterian ministry in 1900, his first pastorate being at Crescent Springs and Independence, Ky. From 1905 to 1907 he was pastor at Greenville, Miss., and from 1907 to 1917 at Clarksville, Tenn. He has been President of Southwestern since July, 1917.

President Diehl is a member of the Board of Directors of Southwestern, the Louisville Theological Seminary, and of the Association of American Colleges. He is trustee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. and the Presbyterian Foundation; vice-president of the Association of American Colleges; secretary-treasurer of the Southern University Conference; secretary of the Pan-Presbyterian College Union; member of the Executive Committee, National Conference of Church-Related Colleges, and a member of the Council of Church Boards of Education.

In 1936 he was Moderator of the Synod of Tennessee.

In Memphis, President Diehl is a member of a number of civic organizations and of several public welfare boards.

(Biographical data from "Who's Who," 1941)

BIBLE A PART OF EVERY STUDENT'S WORK AT SOUTHWESTERN

Freshman and Senior Courses Required

All students at Southwestern take courses of study in Bible during their freshman year, and again during their senior year. The Bible is regarded as having a vital message for the present day, and a knowledge of its truths is deemed essential to a liberal education.

The Bible instruction taken by all freshmen is divided evenly between studies of the Old and New Testaments. The first half of the course deals with the history of the Jewish people as given in the Old Testament. The peoples with which Israel came into contact are studied, and the universal elements in Hebrew thought and religion are emphasized. The second half of the freshman course is a study of the Gospels, the Book of Acts and other New Testament writings. The early environment of the Church is also studied.

The first portion of the Bible course required of all seniors deals primarily with Christian ethics, the Bible itself being used as the principal source book. A study is made of the Christian view of human nature and society, of the Old Testament contribution to the Christian ideal, and of the formation of this ideal in the New Testament.

In the second half of the senior year, the emphasis is placed on the Bible in human thought. The personality and sovereignty of God, nature and the supernatural, the deity of Christ, the atonement, prayer and conversion, immortality and the future life are studied.

Many Courses Offered

Other classes given by the Bible Department at Southwestern include the following:

The Prophets and Their Messages.
The Teachings of Jesus.
The History of Religion—and the Archaeology of the ancient world.
History of Ancient Civilization—giving the history contemporary with the Bible.
History of the Christian Age—a study of the influence of Christianity on Western civilization.

Private tutorial instruction is given in the following subjects:

History and Growth of the Christian Church.
The Literature of the Old and New Testaments.
Studies in Religious Leadership.
Comparative Religion.
Christianity and Social Problems
Religious Literature.
Psychology of Religion.
Religious Education—methods of religious instruction.

A student can not attend any college which has higher accredited standing than Southwestern.

PURPOSE OF SOUTHWESTERN STATED

In the By-Laws of the Board of Directors of Southwestern, the first article contains a general statement of the purpose of the College. That statement reads as follows:

This institution was founded for the glory of God and is dedicated to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is to be an ideal liberal arts college where knowledge shall be exact and complete, character robust and gracious, and Christianity not only a welcome guest, but the ruling spirit within its walls. It is a cooperative undertaking on the part of several Synods of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, their agency for advancing the Kingdom of God through educational processes. The purpose of the institution is the promotion of Christian higher education. To this end, it is essential that the members both of the Board of Directors and of the Faculty be in manifest sympathy with the religious spirit and aim in which the college was founded.

There are no student or graduate instructors at Southwestern. Every class is taught by a professor.

Assets

To be at home in all lands and all ages; to count Nature as a familiar acquaintance and Art an intimate friend; to gain a standard for the appreciation of other men's work and the criticism of one's own; to carry the keys of the world's library in one's pocket, and feel its resources behind one in whatever task he undertakes; to make hosts of friends among the men of one's own age who are the leaders in all walks of life; to lose one's self in generous enthusiasms and cooperate with others for common ends; to learn manners from students who are gentlemen; and to form character under professors who are Christian—these are the return of a college for the best four years of one's life.

—Wm. DeWitt Hyde

Quoted in article "What Price College?" by Walter J. Greenleaf, **School Life,** April, 1934.

SOUTHWESTERN'S LIVING ENDOWMENT

Few young people could attend college if they were required to bear the entire financial cost of their education. Most college students are able to get a college education only because they are charged but a part of what their education costs.

Thus, all institutions must have other sources of income in addition to that received from student tuition and fees.

For State controlled colleges, the taxpayers are the source of added income. Some independent institutions have large income producing endowments. Colleges which have neither state subsidies nor large endowments must depend on annual gifts and contributions to balance their operating budgets.

Southwestern belongs to this third group of colleges. Its endowment is relatively small and it must depend on annual contributions until such time as that endowment is increased substantially.

The annual support for Southwestern comes through several channels. Presbyterian churches and Presbyteries aid the College through their benevolence budgets. A number of interested individuals in the several synods make contributions directly to the College. Another indispensible source of income are the contributions made by more than 3000 Memphis citizens during the Southwestern Support Fund Campaign which is conducted in Memphis every year.

During the past three years, support funds have been received from the four cooperating Synods and the citizens of Memphis as follows. The figures in each case are for the College year, July 1 to June 30.

	Through the Churches	From Individuals	Total
Synod of Alabama			
1938-39	$ 368.20	$ 661.75	$ 1,029.95
1939-40	1,714.34	80.00	1,794.34
1940-41	1,813.97	619.50	2,433.47
Synod of Louisiana			
1938-39	$ 1,029.56	$ 1,000.00	$ 2,029.56
1939-40	1,929.98	2,060.00	3,989.98
1940-41	2,128.36	3,831.50	5,959.86
Synod of Mississippi			
1938-39	$ 1,077.87	$ 760.00	$ 1,837.87
1939-40	1,564.53	368.00	1,932.53
1940-41	1,729.92	165.00	1,894.92
Synod of Tennessee (Excluding Memphis)			
1938-39	$ 2,436.94	$ 345.00	$ 2,781.94
1939-40	2,615.25	475.50	3,090.75
1940-41	2,686.46	110.00	2,796.46
Totals			
1938-39	$ 4,912.57	$ 2,766.75	$ 7,679.32
1939-40	7,824.10	2,983.50	10,807.60
1940-41	8,358.71	4,726.00	13,084.71
City of Memphis			
1938-39	$ 2,683.01	$45,045.02	$47,728.03
1939-40	2,766.03	47,312.94	50,078.97
1940-41	3,211.81	49,327.29	52,539.10

Program of Individual Instruction Gives Students Unusual Opportunities

One of the most progressive advancements in college education in the South during the past ten years has been the inauguration and development of the tutorial system of individual instruction at Southwestern.

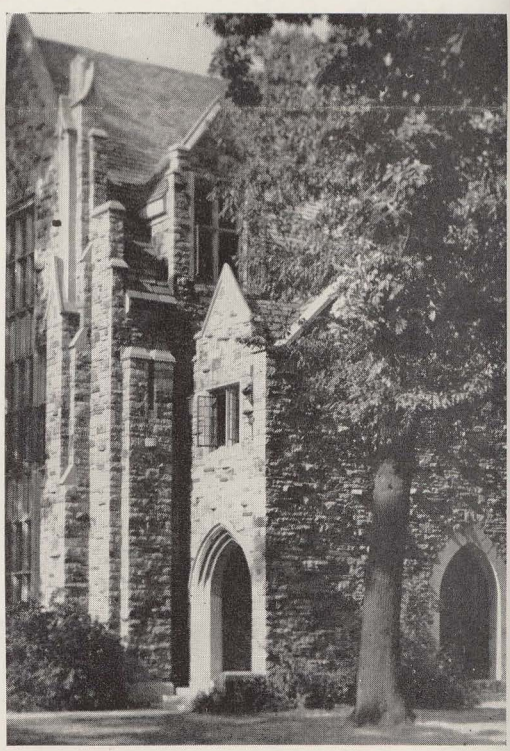
Southwestern is the only college in the South which offers its students such opportunities for personal contact with professors and such facilities for individual personalized courses of study geared to each student's personal requirements.

The plan, which allows juniors and seniors to substitute private weekly conferences and specially worked out reading assignments for regular class courses and routine study of a given text book is recognized by educators as an admirable adaptation of the English University method of individual teaching to the needs of American College students. Development of individual initiative, increased facility of expression, freedom from the mass-production tendencies of class room routine, an increase in the number of subjects from which a student may elect his courses, and fewer failures, have all resulted from this program. The fact that students may progress rapidly or slowly, according to their respective capacities, is another demonstrated advantage of the program.

ALL STUDY TOGETHER

One of the notable features of the "American Way" is the manner in which members of all Christian faiths and denominations live and work together in harmony. The Southwestern campus reflects this Christian spirit in the same manner.

This year at the College there were 12 different denominations represented in the student body. Yet, all worshipped together in morning chapel and studied together in the Bible classes.



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STUDENT EXPENSES AT SOUTHWESTERN

Some institutions give a tuition or matriculation fee to which must be added innumerable fees and charges in order to ascertain what the student must actually pay for the year.

Southwestern sets forth all charges made by the College in one inclusive figure. That total cost for a year may be slightly higher than at some institutions where individual needs of students receive scant consideration. The cost is lower, however, than at most colleges having similar standards and rank. Board, room, tuition and fees for a year at Southwestern are $575 for men and $625 for women. This includes medical fees, subscription to the student newspaper, athletic tickets, physical education fees, student activity fees, and library fees. The only college charges which are not included are laboratory fees for science courses. In the charge, also, are included such things as maid service, heat and light in dormitories—things which at some colleges are charged for as "extra."

Several years ago a survey was made of all colleges in the United States. A summary of the replies showed that the average typical expense for one year was as follows:

Privately controlled men's colleges	$1,023
Privately controlled women's colleges	986
Privately controlled coeducational colleges	979
Protestant Denominational men's colleges	642
Protestant Denominational women's colleges	627

The reasonableness of the cost at Southwestern is clearly evident on comparison with the above figures.

Palmer Hall, pictured at the top, is the classroom and administration building at Southwestern. The bottom picture shows one of the boy's dormitories, with a corner of the dining hall on the extreme right.

There is still time for young men and women to enroll for admission to Southwestern in September. If you know a boy or girl who should attend Southwestern, send the names and addresses so that literature may be mailed to them. Address President Charles E. Diehl, Southwestern, Memphis, Tennessee.