

IN MEMORIAM
THOMAS W. CURRIE

The General Faculty of the University of Texas would place on record its deep regret at the death of the Reverend Dr. Thomas White Currie, President of the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and its appreciation of his life and work.

Born in Falls County, January 23, 1879, he was graduated at Austin College in 1907. After a year or two as clerk in a store and bookkeeper he studied for the ministry and was made Bachelor of Divinity by the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1911 and Master of Arts by the University of Texas the same year. From 1911 to 1920 he was General Secretary of the University Young Men's Christian Association and Associate Professor of the English Bible in the Seminary. From May, 1920, through December, 1922, he was Acting Pastor of the University Presbyterian Church. From 1920 to his death he was President of the Seminary and Professor of Church History and the English Bible. For many years as a member of the Association of Religious Teachers he gave courses, which were accepted by the University of Texas towards the bachelor's degree. From 1932 to 1937 he was Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Dallas, spending his Sundays in Dallas, his weekdays in Austin. During the First World War he was active in Young Men's Christian Association work with soldiers. For many years he taught the English Bible in summer religious gatherings. In the year 1930-31 he was Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United State's (the body known as the Southern Presbyterian Church). He was for years a member of the Executive Committee on Schools and Colleges both of the Synod of Texas and the Presbyterian Church in the United States. In 1925 he was a representative of the Presbyterian Church in the United States at the Universal Christian Conference on Life and Work held in Stockholm and the Pan-Presbyterian Conference in Cardiff and in 1937 at the World Conference on Faith and Order held in Edinburgh. From 1938 till his death he was Chairman of the Committee created by the Presbyterian Church in

the United States on Cooperation and Union. It was on his return from a meeting of this committee in Atlanta that he was stricken with his fatal illness and died in Temple April 22, 1943.

As the record of his life shows, he was constantly and untiringly at work. He never felt that he should rest. As General Secretary of the University Young Men's Christian Association he won the admiration and affection of all about him. As President of the Seminary he showed financial ability of a high order: finding it in straits, he left it securely endowed and crowned his work with the erection of a noble chapel. As a preacher and teacher he was notably helpful, sympathetic, inspiring. His outlook embraced all mankind. He entered with enthusiasm into the work of the several international conventions, which he attended and sought always to spread the gospel of world religion. All in all he presented a rare combination of practical sense and high ideals.

The world has need of more such men.

Special Committee on Currie Memorial Resolutions
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