

## **Wheaton College**

Fundamental Baptist churches in the United States have reason to be thankful for Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois. While the college is undenominational in character, yet it has come to be known the nation over as a Gibraltar of truth in the midst of a sea of intellectual skepticism and doubt. It is truly an oasis in an intellectual desert. Consistently through the past several years, Baptists have outnumbered any other denomination group in the student body of Wheaton.

The trustees of Wheaton College have decided to institute a theological seminary in connection with the college. This seminary will be one of the strongest in the United States. Naturally, it will have to be undenominational in character due to the fact that the student body of Wheaton College is made up from various denominational groups. The college, however, has assured the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches that they will maintain on the faculty of this seminary a Baptist professor who is entirely sympathetic with our viewpoint and position, so that any Baptist student may find in him a wise counselor and helper in his individual problems.

The college has extended an invitation to the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches to send to the college for a certain number of semester hours each term, Baptist ministers qualified to present the Baptist viewpoint on church history, church polity, and government, to deal with particular Baptist doctrines, and to present the present day convention tendencies. The seminary classes will be dismissed during the time of the visit of the Baptist lecturers and all those of the student body desiring to attend will be free to do so.

In view of this gracious gesture on the part of Wheaton, and in view of the honor bestowed upon the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches in extending to us such an invitation by the outstanding Christian college of the nation, we express ourselves as desiring to meet this offer and avail ourselves of it. In order that the selection of outside Baptist lecturers who are to appear at Wheaton for time to time may be expedited, the college has asked this Association to name a committee of three—Dr. David Otis Fuller, Dr. Harold Strathearn, and Dr. R. T. Ketcham, to have charge of that matter.

In view of the foregoing, as an Association, we go on record today as approving the appointment of this committee, and we urge Baptist churches everywhere to throw open their doors to any official representative of Wheaton College who may call upon them in the interest of Wheaton, and we further urge our churches to back Wheaton with their financial support.

Surely, this gesture from the College demands a hearty response on our part.

May much prayer be made for this new venture of faith that God may have His way and glory be given His Name through all.

*First Baptist Church  
Johnson City, New York  
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**NOTE:** The beginning statement of paragraph two of the above resolution was corrected in the following month's issue of *The Baptist Bulletin*. The trustees had not yet finally acted upon establishing a seminary and later decided not to do so.