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From Opal Higg



Catherina Halepa Catsatos at work
on Bust of G. E. Steward

Athens, Greece

1963

Dedicated

To Sweetheart for his outstanding work
as a Christian Husband, Father, and Minister
of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Your Wife.

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Edited by
SIS. G. E. STEWARD
1963

A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF G. E. STEWARD

Brother G. E. Steward was born in Gayles, Louisiana, and at the age of six months his parents moved to San Augustine, Texas, his mother's home where he was reared until he was sixteen. He lost his sight at the age of twelve, and from that time on he was determined never to stand on the streets begging with a cup. Some months afterward he entered the state school for the blind at Austin, Texas, where he graduated in 1928. In 1931, he moved to Fort Worth, Texas, and in March of 1931, he obeyed the Gospel under the late Brother G. P. Bowser. He has done local work in Texas, Oklahoma, and Michigan. For the past eight years he has been the minister of the Allen Avenue Church of Christ in Fort Worth, Texas. During these years a nice brick building has been purchased and many have been baptized and restored.

Brother Steward has traveled through more than half of the States of the United States, preached in twenty-six of them, and conducted meetings in nineteen states, many of which have been fruitful. Most of his traveling has been by automobile with Sister Steward doing most of the driving. He has attended and helped in nineteen annual lectureships in various states. He has also attended and helped to direct twenty-four annual school and lectureship meetings in the Southwest. He also taught in the preacher's work-shop at Southwestern Christian College from January 1953 to May of 1956 when he was forced to retire because of failing health. He has engaged in a number of debates with preachers of various denominational churches. Since he retired from Southwestern Christian College, his health has improved much, and he is at present actively engaged in both local and evangelistic work.

A Tribute

Sometime ago I heard a Man introducing another and I should like to quote his words, because they are expressive of what I wish to say here:

"For two years I have tried to find words adequate to introduce the speaker; however, I have decided that little men need introductions; but great men need no introduction, because of their achievements. Borrowing from John 19:5, "Behold the man," George Edmond Steward.

JEAN MOORE
Dallas, Texas

In the words of G. P. Bowser, "while living in Fort Worth, Texas, years ago, I chanced to visit a Baptist meeting. The preacher was a blind man, G. E. Steward. With a New Testament especially prepared for the blind, he could read readily. His sermon impressed me that he was honest, with no Baptist hobby to ride. I at once decided he was a prospect for the church of Christ. I inquired of his stopping place and soon called on him. It did not take much to convince him that the Baptist church was started by man and not by Christ and His apostles. After having preached in the Baptist Church for two years, much to my surprise he and his wife at once rendered obedience to their Lord in baptism, and he has ever since been a strong gospel preacher. It is through him that many congregations are sending monthly support to G. P. Bowser and his wife. The yokefellow is George E. Steward."

The 28th day of March, 1931—A ministerial recommendation:

To whom it may concern, this certifies that Brother George E. Steward is a minister of the church of Christ worshipping at Fort Worth, Texas, and is in good standing with the same. We recommend him to the brotherhood where ever his lot may be cast. Receive him as becometh saints, and may his labors be abundantly blessed in the conversion of souls, and the upbuilding of the cause of Christ.

Given by orders of the church this day March 28, 1931.

ELDERS: J. M. Miller (Deceased)

H. K. Talley (Deceased)

G. P. Bowser (Deceased) Minister

A Tribute



"He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life is an inspiration; whose memory will be a benediction."

This quote is truly representative of Bro. George Edmond Steward, who is endeavoring to do all the good he can and who will, if it's the Lord's will do much more than he imagines or will ever know to the day of judgment when the secrets of all hearts shall be made manifest.

Bro. Steward's pattern for building character for God seems to be four square with a spiritual, moral, mental, and physical side. Obviously his ambition is to be as spiritual as his Master; on the moral side he has proved that he is satisfied with nothing less than the standard set by Christ Himself; On the mental side he lets the thoughts of God rule, and on the physical side he strives to make his body as clean as he believes was the body of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is for these reasons that I pause here to pay tribute to this great man of God.

La Berta D. Phillips, Fort Worth, Texas

G. E. STEWARD PIONEERS FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Excerpts from Important Meetings and Letters

December 8, 1943

G. E. Steward met in his home to discuss business matters concerning the Christian Echo, the Bowser Christian Institute, a book of Sermons by G. P. Bowser, Evangelism and the general welfare of the church of Christ among disciples . . .

Signed: J. S. Winston
R. N. Hogan G. E. Steward

A CALL MEETING: 1944

Brother G. E. Steward is a Director of the Bowser Institute and pledges to solicit funds to support it to the extent of his ability. He is authorized to solicit funds for the same . . .

Signed:

J. E. Roberts T. H. Busby
J. W. Robinson Levi Kennedy
W. O. Johnson J. S. Winston
G. P. Bowser, President J. T. Taylor
R. N. Hogan

September 30, 1945

Brother G. E. Steward of Oklahoma City expressed his appreciation for all that has been done by his white brethren, but stated that the Negroes need a Primary Department, a High School Department, and a Junior College . . .

Signed:
D. B. Rambo, Chairman
Walter Adams, Secretary
Gayle Oler, Boles Orphan Home

G. E. STEWARD'S ASPIRATIONS BECOME A REALITY

Michigan Avenue church of Christ
6228-30 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
August 3, 1949

Board of Trustees

Southern Bible Institute

Brethren:

A committee of the Trustee Board of the Southern Bible Institute having met this date at the above address and having duly and carefully considered all plans for the opening of the College, submits the following recommendations: (1) The School be opened on September 1, 1950 . . .

Signed:
G. E. Steward, Chairman
R. N. Hogan
Levi Kennedy
J. S. Winston

October 14, 1945

A Meeting of the Committee in charge of making plans for the establishment of a Negro College in Texas was held at Dallas, Texas, with the following men present:

M. E. Davidson G. E. Steward
John G. Young J. S. Winston
R. G. Meggs D. B. Rambo
J. L. Watson Walter Adams

Melvin Wise

December 5, 1946

Dear Brother Bowser:

The letter and report which you sent to the Board of Directors was received and duly considered. After careful and sincere deliberation, we arrived at the following conclusions: (1) That you may keep the balance of the money from the sale of the school property in Fort Smith, Arkansas, to be used in your school work in Detroit. (2) Since the school set-up in Fort Smith, Arkansas, has been permanently discontinued, that automatically dissolved the Board of Directors of that school. (3) As members of the Texas School Movement, we have decided to concentrate our efforts on this work. The white brethren are anxious to get started soon, though it be in a small way. Naturally, we wish to do our part in helping to bring this about.

We shall work for and encourage the personal support of you and Sister Bowser as long as you both live . . .

Yours in Christ
G. E. Steward

Dear Brethren:

After the close of the school in May 1953, we had to borrow Eight Thousand dollars in June to pay bills. This money is to be paid back the first of the year. We are therefore building our November School Meeting around this debt. I am asking each Trustee to join with me in raising or giving One Hundred Dollars to be paid on this debt . . .

Signed:

G. E. Steward

A FEW OF THE MANY YOUNG MINISTERS WHO ARE NOW SERVING THE CHURCH AS A RESULT OF HIS INSTRUCTIONS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Eugene Lawton.....Newark, New Jersey
J. L. Montgomery.....Pecos, Texas
Woodrow Wilson.....Detroit, Michigan
John Whitley.....Waco, Texas
Marion Holt.....Kansas City, Mo.
Jasper Hairston.....Atlanta, Ga.

LETTERS FROM PRESIDENTS AND DEAN

May 16, 1952

Dear Brother Steward:

For some months it has been planned to ask a meeting of all Board and Advisory Board Members on our School Campus before School closes this Spring. At this meeting it was planned that the Home Economics Department would serve a Dinner . . .

Sincerely yours,

E. W. McMillan, President

March 26, 1954

Dear Brother Steward:

Please permit me to express my sincere appreciation to you for the splendid service you have rendered in your Teaching Position, and I informally express my deep appreciation to you for the splendid services you have rendered the College through the medium of the Living Endowment . . .

Yours very truly,

H. L. Barber (Deceased)

President

September 5, 1956

Dear Brother Steward:

Dr. Young has asked to advise you of a Special Meeting of the Executive Board which is being called for 7:30 Friday Night, September 7th, at the Skillman Ave. Church of Christ in Dallas . . .

Yours sincerely,

A. V. Isbell, President

February 6, 1960

Dear Brother Steward:

Thank you for your letter of appeal for support in purchasing a Lot for the College Church in Terrell, Texas . . .

Yours in Christ,

R. Sams, Dean

SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN
COLLEGE

April 25, 1952

Dear Sir, and Brother in Christ:

I was glad to meet you and that faithful Wife at the School Meeting . . .

Fraternally yours in Christ,

M. Keeble, President Emeritus

NASHVILLE CHRISTIAN
INSTITUTE

April 26, 1960

Dear Friends:

It was so good to have you at our Lectures. Thank you for what you both have done for Christian Education. I am very happy that you are going to make the European Tour . . .

In Him,

Willie Cato, President

NASHVILLE CHRISTIAN
INSTITUTE

A Tribute



R. N. HOGAN

For about thirty years I have known and worked with Brother G. E. Steward and these years together have been of such that we have become to feel as if we are brothers in the flesh. I am sure that the Master doesn't have a more dedicated servant living today than G. E. Steward. In my humble way of thinking, a better gospel preacher doesn't live than G. E. Steward. He has been Editor of the Christian Echo and is today the Editor of the Query department of the Echo and also one of the Staff writers. He is one of the Board members of Southwestern Christian College and also the Living Endowment Association. He has served as Chairman of our Lectureship meeting for a number of years and his conduct commands the respect of all who know him.

R. N. Hogan

LETTERS FROM ATHENS, GREECE

Catherina Halepa Catsatos,
9 June, 1961
35 Daphnomili, Athens, Greece.

Mrs. Ella Steward,
1131 E. Pulaski Street,
Fort Worth 4, TEXAS.

Dear Mrs. Steward,

It was a real pleasure to receive your letter and your charming booklet. I was delighted to find out of your rich gifts, of author and designer and above all that you are a deeply religious woman. Thank you very much for your proposition, which I consider to be a great honour. I was very flattered to be chosen out of so many to create your husband's statue.

However, I should like more details from you as to your exact wishes in this matter. My personal opinion is that a bust of your husband of real, natural size would be best. In this case I would like you to send me a profile picture of your husband's head as the picture in the booklet is not enough. I would like to know of what materials you would like the statue made of--plaster, bronze, or marble. Or, perhaps you would like it finished in plaster by me, and cast in bronze, or copied in marble in the United States. If you want it in plaster, it will be ready in a month and a half and will cost \$1,000. If it is in marble or bronze, it will be ready in seven months and will cost \$1,330.

At the risk of repetition, I will add that it is a truly great honor for me to be commissioned to do your husband's statue. The prices stated above are special ones for you, as I also have a deep desire to become known amongst the Evangelists of your country. God willing that I should be worthy of your trust and faith.

Hoping to hear from you soon, and with best regards to Mr. Steward,

With all my love,
CATHERINA

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EXCEPTS FROM CATHERINA'S LETTERS

Dec. 10, 1962

Dear Mrs. Steward:

I am writing to you these few lines to inform you that I have received your husband's photographs. They are really wonderful, and they will be a great help to me. I am so much moved by his expression. He is so passionate, I think that my work will be a success with such a model to draw inspiration from . . .

With all my love to both of you, Catherina Helepa Catsatos

Dear Mrs. Steward:

It is now about twenty days since I received your lovely letter, but I was so busy all that time that I could not reply to you at once. Your husband's bust is going to be a masterpiece.

Two weeks ago an American painter and an American photographer and journalist visited me and were enchanted with brother Steward's bust. They took many photographs of my studio and of myself working on the bust. They told me that they will publish the photographs, if they do I will send you the clippings . . .

With all my love, Catherina

Dear Mrs. Steward:

Yesterday, returning from a journey to Germany and Italy I found your lovely letter waiting for me. I made the corrections you had asked me about, except the one referring to the

glasses, because we always avoid to put glasses on statues . . .

With all my love, Catherina

Dear Mrs. Steward:

I hope your husband's bust in clay will be finished by the end of February or may be the middle of March. I am pleased to say that I accept your conditions of payment as referred to in your letter: since you are such a nice person, and since I desire so much that you should have a work of my hands in your possession . . .

With all my love, Catherina

Dear Mrs. Steward:

I am happy to announce that your husband's bust is finished in clay about ten days ago, and I am fully satisfied of my work . . .

I am sending you some photographs of the statue taken from all sides so that you may form your own opinion as to how it looks . . .

With all my love, Catherina

Dear Mrs. Steward:

Now I am in the pleasant position to inform you that your husband's bust is finished in bronze, and it looks like a real masterpiece, and I am so happy that I am the creator of it. I think that when you see it you will like it and be proud of it too.

With all my love, Catherina

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS IN G. E. STEWARD'S FILES

WASHINGTON, D.C.
May 3, 1956

Dear Mr. Steward:

We have received your inquiry of April 26. The first responsibility of the Library of Congress, as I am sure you understand is to serve the Congress of the United States . . .

Very truly yours,
Henry J. Dubester
Chief

Dr. Mr. and Mrs. Steward:

It was quite a pleasure serving you in the National Baptist Hotel Bath House of Hot Springs, Arkansas . . .

Emmett Harris
Manager

Dear Dad:

I received your letter and was glad to hear from you. I wrote to Mother today. I hope she will get the letter before she leaves for France . . .

Your Child, Ruby Mae Flowers, R.N.
Jerusalem Jordan
September 8, 1960

Dear Brother and Sister Steward:

You are requested at the Wedding of our Son and Daughter Asadour and Ovsanna . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Hamparzoom

Dear Brother in Christ:

I am writing you at this time, as you are the Master of Ceremonies in our School Meeting . . .

Thank you very much,
T. H. Busby

Dear Brother Steward:

Hope you and your good Wife are well and the Church yet doing fine under your able teaching . . .

Luke Miller (Deceased)

Dear Brother G. E.:

The Sixteenth Annual National Lectureship Program will be held in Detroit, Michigan, April 5-12. The Ministry of the Church is the Theme . . .

Brotherly yours in the Lord,
O. L. Trone

Dear Brother G. E. Steward:

You have been chosen to speak on the following Topic: 'The Elder An Officer by Divine Appointment' . . .

Respectfully yours,
A. Z. Rose

Dear Brother G. E. Steward:

It is a pleasure to send this letter to you hoping that every thing is well with you. It is my belief also that you will help to make this letter a reality . . .

Yours in the Lord,
Essien A. Essien

Corpenhigan, Australia
July 4, 1960

Dear Sweetheart:

At this writing I am doing nicely. I have a head cold, but I am much better now. We went to Church this morning in the rain. I think I will stay in tonight with this cold. I am praying that you will keep well for your work . . .

Yours,
'Elmo'

Dear Brother Steward:

I am in receipt of your letter on the date of November 30, with much general desired information you gave of the School Meeting. I was just hoping that somebody would let me know about the School Session, because it is the first time in 14 years that I missed, and you know I was very lonely. It seemd that anytime I miss something it usually is the best . . .

J. O. Williams

Dr. Steward:

I am writing you in regards to the Lectureship in Indianapolis, Ind. I am sure you will remember the promise we made . . .

Brotherly,
Levi Kennedy

Dear Brother Steward:

I have enclosed a copy of the Summary of my Thesis which might be of interest to you. The Topic is a Six-point Follow-up study of the Graduates of Southwestern Christian College from 1952-1957 . . .

In His Service,
Eugene

Dear Brother Steward:

I heard from Brother Smith last night after Office hours, and worked late to get this letter in the mail to you today . . .

Yours in His Service,
W. D. Morrison (Deceased)

Dear Brother Steward:

The Voice of Truth over K.N.O.K. Station is the best and plainest Gospel Sermon we have ever heard . . .

Brother R. B. Therman

Dear Brother Steward:

Since talking to you over the phone I have learned that Bro. Strong will be having his meeting in July and he cannot change the date, I will talk to you more about the matter . . .

Yours in Him, G. P. Holt

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Sixteenth & Decatur Northwest
April 16, 1953

Mr. G. E. Steward
3107 Garden Lane Dallas, Texas

Dear Brother Steward:

Although I am deeply thankful for the opportunity to be President of Southwestern College and although I consider the opportunity to do this Job one of the greatest honors that has ever come to me during the twenty-five years I have been a gospel Preacher, I nevertheless feel constrained to decline the position; it has not been easy to say no! . . .

Sincerely yours in Christ, Burton Coffman

Dear Brother Steward:

While driving from the T.V. Station to church, I heard your program this morning from 8:45-9:00. I didn't get the name of the Preacher, but it sounded like the voice of Brother G. E. Steward.

It was a splendid sermon on Acts 2, and I appreciated it very much and know it will do a lot of good . . .

Sincerely,
John H. Banister

Dear Sister Steward:

A note to say to read your book is to have real fun and excitement; it really makes one desire to meet you, if they haven't met you. Girl, you are somebody. (Smile)

With Love,
W. H. Cook

Dear Brother Steward:

I am writing to let you know that I have just finished painting your house, outside and inside. I also painted the garage, fixed the back porch. One hundred and sixty dollars . . .

T. P. Pace (Deceased)

Dear Brother and Sister Steward:

It is refreshing to know that you are seeking to serve God in taking care of your obligations. We accept this as full settlement of your account . . .

John O. Dowd

Dear Brother In Christ:

After coming from our local radio program, I listen to your program on KNOK. Your lessons on "Conversion" are superb. I really don't see how anyone could help from understanding them . . .

Yours under the great King,
Fred A. Geeter, Evangelist
July 8, 1952

Dear Bro. G. E.:

It is with Thankfulness and joy that I take to my pen to meet the demands of my heart in expressing to you and your wonderful Wife for having the privilege of being in your home; and working with you last July.

I shall always be impressed with your Godly influence and teaching, as well as your fidelity to the Truth of Christ. May God always bless you and yours.

I am yours in the "One Hope"
F. Florence, Sr.

City of New York
Office of the Mayor

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Mayor has asked me to thank you for your letter of January 12th, and to express his regrets that because of the pressure of official business it is not possible for him to meet Mrs. Steward. He has also asked that I extend to you and Mrs. Steward his personal greetings and good wishes . . .

Sincerely yours,
William R. Peer
Executive Secretary to Mayor
Wagner

National Aeronautics and Space
Administration

Dear Mrs. Steward:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your token of remembrance of the flight of the 'Friendship 7' on February 20th, 1962. That very special day will always be a vivid memory, as will the eventful days that followed.

The 'Friendship' hat which you designed and made for me is very attractive, and I certainly appreciate your friendly gift. My thanks again for a thoughtful remembrance.

Sincerely,
Mrs. John Glenn

Dear George:

We are expecting you here to do the preaching in our Revival Meeting, beginning the second Sunday in January . . .

Your Bud,
R. N. Hogan

Mr. Edmond George the Steward:

Dear Horseface: I received your letter and was a little glad to hear from you and Sis . . .

Your Pal,
J. S. Winston

Dear Brother Steward:

This leaves us well. I hope that it will find you the same . . .

Yours in Christ,
Jack Evans
Portales, New Mexico

Dear Mom and Dad:

I am doing fine as usual, just working hard.
Florida King

IS IT SCRIPTURAL TO USE THE MAJORITY RULE IN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST?

A Reprint from The Christian Echo under Date of February 1951
OUR PULPIT

Definition: Majority, the state of being major or greater; the greater number; more than half; the number by which one quantity, which can be counted, exceeds another.

I hasten to say that no rule is scriptural and right in the Church of Christ, but the rule of Christ. It is unmistakably clear in the scripture that God has exalted Christ above all other powers, and put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the Church, which is His body, Eph. 1:20-23; and His word is the absolute final authority in all matters of righteousness. It makes the man of God perfect, and completely furnishes Him unto all good works, II Tim. 3:16-17. God has also ordained that His Son must be heard in all things whatsoever He saith, Duet. 18:18-19, Acts 3:22-23. In view of these heaven born truths, we must conclude that the Church of Christ is a monarchy, with Christ as the absolute head in all things; and that the word of God, through Christ, is the absolute rule of action in all things. All loyal and faithful Christians all down through the ages, since the establishment of the Church, have whole-heartedly subscribed to these heaven-born truths.

We are exhorted in Phil. 3:16 to walk by the same rule and mind the same thing. The rule which God has distributed unto us is the Gospel of Christ, II Cor. 10:13, 14: in Phil. 1:27 the Apostle said, "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the Gospel of Christ." Thousands of Christians in past ages have lived by, practiced this rule, pleased God, and gone to await their reward. And it is my sincere conviction that all those who follow and practice this rule today will obtain the same results. Therefore, the only honest and true answer that can be given concerning the majority rule in the Church is that it is completely unscriptural, and is contrary to all that the Bible teaches concerning the government of the Church, and its operation. The majority rule in the Church makes the Church a democracy, governed by the will of a popular majority.

Now I wish to call your attention to some of the evils of the majority rule. At the heart of the majority rule is the voting system, a system which places a majority over against a minority. The record of the voting system, both in politics and religion, shows that it has often been productive of much evil. I cannot bring myself to believe that the God of heaven, who through His infinite wisdom and unimpeachable judgment, planned the Church of our Lord and included in the plan a system by which a large number of members of the Church could beat down and crush a smaller number, and deprive them of their rights.

We must keep in mind that large numbers do not make a thing right; while I do not hold that the majority is always

wrong, yet there is as much possibility of the minority being right; as well as the majority, in fact the scriptures show that the minority in most cases were right. There were multiplied thousands that came out of Egypt by the hand of Moses, but only two of that number reached the promised land. Moses sent twelve men to spy out the land of Canaan: ten brought back an evil report, which caused much trouble in Israel, and two brought back a good report. The greater part of the Jewish nation rejected Christ when He came, but a small remnant received Him. Jesus said, "Enter in at the straight gate, because wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be that enter therein: straight is the gate, and narrow is the way that leadeth to life, and few there be that findeth it." "The majority rule based upon the voting system is wrong, because it makes it possible for the members of the Church to have respect to persons, which is a sin, James 2:1-9." The reason the majority rule based upon the voting system makes it possible for the members of the Church to have respect to persons is because when the majority wants something, and decides upon it, their wishes must be respected, and the wishes of the minority disregarded. The Christian Church of today is a living example of the evil of the majority rule.

Many years ago when the separation came, the majority got most of the property and the schools, and they have digressed so far from the scripture until it has become but another modern denomination, teaching and practicing many of the things which modern denominations teach and practice. The Christian Church, today, has a membership of about six million. This great growth of the Christian Church has come about because through the majority rule they have been doing the things that appeal to the masses, like other denominations. Among the whites, the Christian Church has united with the Congregationalists and brought out a manual; among the Colored in South Carolina, they have united with the so-called Church of God and brought in foot washing. Who knows what they will do next? So, the majority rule is dangerous and evil, because it eventually leads to digression. The advocates of the majority rule rely upon the sixth chapter of Acts, and the eighth chapter of II Corinthians to prove it. I will say now that these scriptures do not teach any such thing.

Brethren, if we are to hold the Church in line with the scriptures, and keep its ancient purity, we must in all good conscience reflect and denounce the practice of the majority rule in the Church; and with unwavering loyalty stick to the New Testament order.

G. E. STEWARD

THE SOUTHWESTERN NEWS — October 1953

Dear Bro. Steward:

Here is wonderful news! A large group of painters, carpenters, brick masons, plumbers, electricians, roofing men, and other tradesmen who are members of the Dallas Churches of Christ have volunteered to come to this campus for a few Saturdays and donate their labors to put all fourteen of our buildings in "tip-top" condition. Approximately one hundred workers are expected to participate in this project.

Think of it! These men are not amateurs. They are skilled craftsmen and are accustomed to earning from twenty to thirty-five dollars per day for their services. Thousands of hours labor will be donated. I have never heard of labor services of this magnitude being donated to any worthwhile project! We are deeply indebted to Bro. Logan Buchanan and other Dallas ministers who are organizing this movement.

This entire plant cost the Brotherhood only sixty thousand dollars, and it would take approximately one million dollars to replace all the buildings. It is, however, an old plant and sadly in need of many repairs. We recently made an appeal for fifteen

thousand dollars with which to begin school and make some repairs on these buildings. The response has been very gratifying, and in just a few weeks about one third of the amount requested has been received.

With your continued cooperation and with this unexpected lift from the Dallas brethren we can now put all fourteen of our buildings in excellent condition. We will then have one of the best small college plants in the brotherhood. WE MUST, HOWEVER, FURNISH THE LUMBER, PAINT, BRICK, CEMENT, AND ALL OTHER MATERIALS NECESSARY.

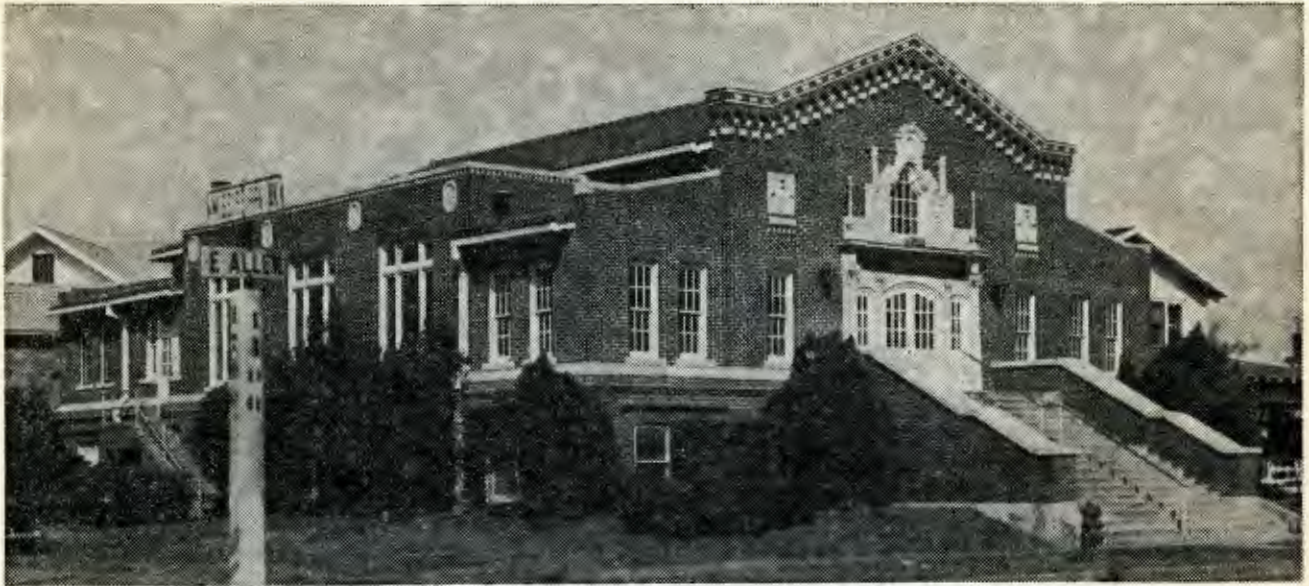
Even though you may have contributed to the college recently, we feel that you will want to have a larger part in this great project. We think the unselfish contribution offered by these Dallas laborers is sufficient to inspire the rest of us to buy the necessary materials. We will get started as soon as money arrives in sufficient quantity to enable us to get underway. May we hear from you today?

Very sincerely,

H. L. BARBER, President
(Deceased)



*Catherina with one of her finished
works in marble*



Allen Avenue Church of Christ

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Tommy GrayChurch Clerk

Preston Gray, Jr.....Bible School
Superintendent



G. E. STEWARD
MINISTER



CATHERINA HALEPA CATSATOS
With Finished Bronze Bust
of G. E. STEWARD