It has been said that "education is the full and harmonious development of all our faculties". This is believed to be true provided it includes body, mind and spirit.

Christian education, as conducted in Texas Baptist Colleges by the Baptist State Convention through the several governing Boards of Trustees, seeks the complete development of the boy or girl. Provision is made for the physical culture of each student where possible. College and university standards of the scholarship world set the content of courses that lead to mental training. Christian schools like Baylor University, Baylor College and the others under Baptist control seek the spiritual culture of each student.

All education is more or less possible where the atmosphere is fundamentally educational. The problem of the Christian college is to maintain an atmosphere distinctly spiritual. This is done by proper care in selection of the faculty. Christian teachers do not teach less of the material facts of life, but they teach more of these facts in relation to faith and religious practice. They are known to be men and women who care for the souls of their students as well as their minds and bodies. They are men and women who believe in the full and complete authority of God's Word as the source of all religious guidance. They believe in the Genesis account of creation exactly as it is written in the Bible. They believe in no theories of creation or otherwise that contradict God as the maker and creator of all things. They believe in the gospel of Jesus as the only power unto salvation. They seek to objectify their beliefs in the lives and characters of their students.

In the adoption of this report this Association expresses its confidence in all the Baptist schools of Texas under the control of Texas Baptists. It furthermore decries harsh and hurtful criticisms against these schools by those who never help and always hinder.

This Association not only believes in the schools of Texas Baptists but it believes in the faithful Christian Trustees and Faculties who control them. It is our delight to point to the wonderful work done by them as proof of their character and their fidelity to us as Baptists and to God whose children we are.

As a further evidence of the reasons why in confidence we give our cordial support of these schools, we offer herewith a "Faculty Statement" voluntarily presented by the Faculty of Baylor University to the Trustees and by them to the Convention in 1924. This statement was signed by all the academic faculty at that time and by all new members since that time:

Faculty Statement

"We, the academic faculty of Baylor University at Waco, the President and each individual member thereof, wish to express to the Board of Trustees in writing what has so often been expressed for us by the Board, our convictions in regard to our common task as fellow workers in behalf of the University."
We appreciate the freedom of thought, of investigation, of teaching and of discussion which inheres in the very essence of a university, without which freedom a university would be a sham and would have no adequate purpose. At the same time we also recognize the inescapable obligations ever resting upon us to resist the tendency of some textbooks to use fresh discoveries of truth or religion. We further recognize the extraordinary duty of Christian teachers in this age of unrest to prove all things and hold fast that which is good, to test the uttermost all theories and to conserve the precious, established facts of our holy religion. Therefore do we beg the privilege of reasserting the Trustees, whose servants we are, concerning our beliefs and purposes on the following points, to wit:

First, we would reiterate the commanding ideal which we set before us when we dedicated ourselves to our responsible office, to live devout lives in the expression of our Christian experience, to keep open, reverent, obedient minds toward all truth, to maintain a considerate and constructive attitude toward all inquirers after truth, and to be faithful as interpreters and exponents in all our duties as Christian teachers.

Second, in regard to the varied speculative theories and hypotheses current in the educational realm we would express it as our conviction that the evolutionary theory, for example, which all men know has long and generally been a working hypothesis of science and which in its primary sense of development probably will continue to be as its leading exponents readily admit, traced the origin of the species nor brought forth one single convincing proof that man is not the direct creation of God as recorded in Genesis. As Christian teachers, therefore, feeling obligated to pursue investigation of truth into all fields of human knowledge and to set forth facts as we find them, we wish to record our ever-growing conviction that there can be no conflict between true science and the Christian religion. Further, we unequivocably accept the language of President Z. J. Mullins which was adopted unanimously by the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Kansas City in 1923, adopting as our very own the words of this great Baptist scholar and theologian, who was then President of the Southern Baptist Convention, is now president of the largest theological seminary in this country and President of the Baptist World Alliance, when he said: "We record again our unswerving adherence to the supernatural elements in the Christian religion. The Bible is God's revelation of Himself through men moved by the Holy Spirit, and is our sufficient, certain and authoritative guide in religion. Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary through the power of the Holy Spirit. He was the divine and eternal Son of God. He wrought miracles, healing the sick, casting out demons, raising the dead. He died as the vicarious, atoning Saviour of the world, and was buried. He arose again from the dead. The tomb was emptied of its contents. In His risen body He appeared many times to His disciples. He ascended to the right hand of the Father. He will come again in person, the same Jesus who ascended from the Mount of Olives."

Third, we desire to make these statements in full appreciation of the age-old Baptist principle that no binding creed should be fastened by any ecclesiastical authority upon the consciences of Christians, but freely of our own accord, just as a church or convention may declare its faith. This we do in our sincere desire to inform, through the Board of Trustees, the great denominational to which Baylor University belongs that we are in hearty agreement with the fundamentals of Christian faith as held by Baptists, and in order that we may assure that noble brotherhood that we are seeking to the limits of our ability to discharge the high obligations that rest upon us as Christian teachers."