

CONRAD HENRY MOEHLMAN

Conrad Henry Moehlman died on September 19, 1961, in Avon Park, Florida, at the age of 81. Dr. Moehlman was born in Meriden, Connecticut, on May 26, 1879. He received his B.A. from Michigan in 1902, B.D. from the Rochester Theological Seminary in 1905, and Ph.D. from Michigan in 1918.

His teaching career began at the seminary from which he had graduated when he became instructor in Hebrew and Old Testament history in 1907. He served successively as professor of English Bible, professor of New Testament history, and finally succeeded Walter Rauschenbusch as professor of Church History. He continued in that post as his seminary merged to form the Colgate Rochester Divinity School, from which he retired in 1944. He continued teaching, however, at the University of Rochester, at the University of Southern California, and at Oberlin.

Dr. Moehlman was an enthusiastic exponent of the historical approach, an admirer of Adolph von Harnack, and an unwavering liberal in theology. He was a stimulating lecturer and teacher, combining rigorous concern for truth with a keen sense of the dramatic. He was the author of many articles and books on various themes; he was especially interested in the problems of education and religion. He was long active in the affairs of the American Society of Church History, serving as president in 1933.

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