

## *Robert Stewart Hyer*

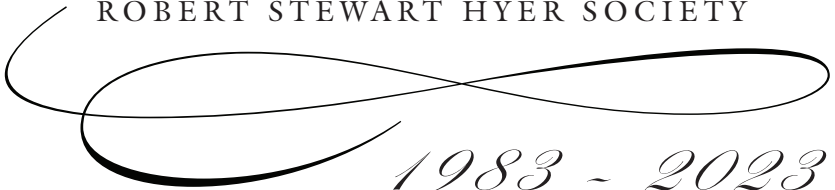
Born in Georgia and educated at Emory College, Robert Stewart Hyer began his distinguished career as professor of science at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. There, his experiments with ether waves and X-ray reportedly preceded those of Marconi, and he designed Texas' first wireless station, transmitting messages at distances of one mile. He became president of Southwestern University in 1898, then moved to Dallas in 1911 to become the founding president of Southern Methodist University.

It has been said that SMU is Robert Stewart Hyer's monument. He planned the campus, orienting its first building, Dallas Hall, with respect to the North Star. He selected the crimson of Harvard and the blue of Yale as the colors of the University and established *Veritas Liberabit Vos* as the motto. Translated "The truth shall make you free," this motto was his symbolic vision of the University. As the University became a reality, President Hyer spoke words applicable to each of us in our pursuits today: "While we rejoice over our success, we must remember that the task to which we have set ourselves has only begun ... and make claims to victory only to encourage ourselves to press on to greater things."

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