SLI President Talks On Early Education At Lafayette PTA

LAFAYETTE, La., Feb. 20. (Spl)—The history of education in Louisiana from the colonial days to date was traced by Dr. Joel L. Fletcher, president of Southwestern Louisiana Institute, in an address Thursday night before a gathering of representatives of the nine Parent-Teacher association units of the city.

Speaking at the annual Founders day program sponsored by the PTA City council, President Fletcher told of the part played by the church sponsored schools in the early stages of Louisiana education. He said that schools in charge of priests and nuns blazed the way for education in south and southwest Louisiana.

A special tribute to the late Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Sr., a leader in PTA work here for many years, was made by Mrs. George H. Thomas, program chairman for the event held at Southwestern. Mrs. Alice Boucher was presented with a life PTA membership. Mrs. P. A. Juneau, president of the PTA council, was also a speaker.

Instrumental selections were rendered by the Southwestern String ensemble under the direction of Professor George Barth. Refreshments were served. PTA units represented were Lafayette high, N. P. Moss junior high, Northside primary, Central grammar, Myrtle place, Southwestern training, Cathedral high, Mount Carmel and St. Genevieve.