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KALAMAZOO, Mich. -- Dr. Frances Diebold, professor emeritus of biology at Kalamazoo College, was honored today (May 30) at the annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention in Boston. She was cited for her contributions to teaching and scholarship at a higher education luncheon at the meeting. A widely recognized biology teacher who headed Kalamazoo College's biology department from 1934-66, Dr. Diebold retired last year after 44 years of service, the longest tenure ever held by a Kalamazoo faculty member.

Kalamazoo College was officially represented at the Convention meeting by Dr. W. Haydn Ambrose, assistant to the president for church relations and director of financial aid. Dr. Ambrose was the speaker at a Kalamazoo College breakfast meeting.

Dr. Diebold joined the Kalamazoo College faculty in 1923 as an instructor in biology and became assistant professor in 1928, associate professor in 1933, and professor in 1948. She is the author of several laboratory guides.

Among the many honors accorded her were an honorary doctor of science degree from Ripon (Wisc.) College and the "Woman of the Year for 1958" award from the Quota Club of Kalamazoo.

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