MYRON TAYLOR HALL DEDICATED
IN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY

Mrs. Taylor Presents Keys — Judge Pound Makes Notable Address

Law reigned supreme on the Cornell campus on October 15. In an impressive ceremony in the beautifully appointed Moot court room Mrs. Myron C. Taylor formally handed over the keys to President Farrand, and Myron Taylor Hall, America's newest center for legal training and research, was auspiciously launched on its career.

A distinguished audience of alumni, members of the bench and bar, representatives of sister institutions and officials of the University, listened attentively to the brief exercises, ably conducted by Frank H. Hiscock '75, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and former chief judge of the Court of Appeals of the State of New York.

Seated behind the bench of the Moot Court and dressed in academic robes were those participating in the exercises. To the right of the chairman sat Myron Taylor '94, the donor of the building.

The reading of a telegram of congratulation from the Hon. Charles E. Hughes, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court and formerly a professor in the Cornell Law School, marked the opening of the dedication ceremonies. In his message Justice Hughes expressed his deep regret that his work at Washington made it impossible for him to be present. Following an address of welcome by Charles K. Burbick, dean of the Law School, Mr. Taylor made a brief presentation address, praising before its conclusion to request Mrs. Taylor, who sat in the audience, to formally present the keys, because "she was a real partner in this enterprise."

President Farrand stepped down from his place beside Mr. Taylor to accept the keys and in a few remarks expressed the thanks of the University and the high hopes which were entertained for the success of the school in its new home. "It is to centers such as this in our own and other countries . . . that we must look for that guidance in principle and practice, without which right living is impossible and international peace and friendship not to be attained. To contribute to those ends Cornell University dedicates Myron Taylor Hall and the efforts of those who shall work within its walls."

Judge Pound Speaks

Then followed the principal address of the day by Cuthbert W. Pound '87, chief judge of the State Court of Appeals, on the subject of "A Modern University Law School." It was a most masterful exposition of the state of the law and of the responsibilities of our law schools.

Calling upon the legal profession to "arise to meet and solve" the problems confronting the nation, Judge Pound stated that "War is an anachronism in a world of law, which looks on private war as a breach of the peace."

As a Cornell alumnus and trustee, Judge Pound expressed the hope that the Law School, in its new home, might grow richer in the fields of jurisprudence, international law, and constitutional law, and that it may "be pushed beyond the common traffic of routine practice and may penetrate into fields where the lawyer may be prepared to serve.
the state outside the faithful service of private clients."

Judge Pound said that "the competence of representative government to deal with domestic and international affairs is being challenged," and that "the cost of government is being contrasted with its lack of efficiency."

"But there are now, as in the past," Judge Pound said, "lawyers to whom America looks for leadership. Lawyers were leaders in our struggle for independence."

Students of Present Needs

The bar of America must arise to meet the new problems, he continued, "not as the disciples of a rigid social philosophy, either conservative or liberal, but as students of the needs of today to be expressed in the legal formulas of the past."

Of jurisprudence he said that "law furnishes a rule; jurisprudence seeks a reason." Law schools, he said, should give "a broader view, a loftier purpose than that of the attorney who regards his check for costs as better evidence of victory than the establishment of a great principle in a well-won leading case, and who knows no philosophy except that water, being poured out of a cup into a glass, by filling the one doth empty the other."

Advocates "Peace Spirit"

Regarding international law he said that "if the peace spirit rather than the war spirit came to be regarded as the spirit of justice, custom and public opinion might soon give an efficacy to the pacts of powerful nations which could not be disturbed by war."

"No enduring system of international law can be built on a foundation of prejudices and hasty passions. In theory the system of law of peace among nations may seem idealistic. Practice in conformity therewith requires the patience and restraint of minds trained to a fixed belief in the efficacy of a federation of the world."

Discussing constitutional law, he said that "the most distinctive change in the government of the country in recent years has been manifest in a growing disposition to regulate the life of the people by legislation." He asked the question: "How far will the Supreme Court apply the formulas of legal decision to check the desires and supposed necessities of the state?"

Tribute to Mr. Taylor

Judge Pound said Mr. Taylor, donor of the building, "takes his place with those far-sighted men, those kings and cardinals and captains of commerce, who founded the colleges of Oxford and Cambridge." Those ancient institutions, he continued, "still bear witness to the influence and importance of education in furnishing intelligent men for the service of the nation, leaving for other places the sharpening of wits for the personal profit of the lawyer in the conflicts of the courts and in the strategy of the law office."

Returning to the Cornell Law School itself, he said its success depends primarily on "the ability, character, training and skill of the teachers composing its faculty and their power to teach private as well as public law and practical as well as theoretical law. Many law graduates will not care to seek prominence in public life or public cases but will prefer the time-honored duties of faithful service to private clients. Cornell has a place for them."

Chief Justice Hughes Sends Congratulations

The good wishes of Charles Evans Hughes, chief justice of the United States Supreme Court, sped Myron Taylor Hall, new home of the Cornell Law School, upon its academic career. The following telegram was sent by him to Dean C. K. Burdick, and was read at the dedication ceremony.

"I deeply regret that my work here makes it impossible for me to be present at the dedication of the new home of the Cornell Law School. My association with the faculty of the school in its early days was one of the most delightful experiences of my life and I have observed the development and success of the school with the keenest gratification."

"It is a far cry from the time we met on the top floor of one of the oldest buildings on the campus and when a little later we first enjoyed the advantages of Boardman Hall, to this day when Myron Taylor Hall opens its doors. The school has more than fulfilled the hopes of its founders, and its enlarged opportunities beckon it to an even higher degree of usefulness."

"The law schools have the future of the bar and bench largely in their keeping, and the administration of justice will depend not only on the technical equipment they provide but upon the professional standards they re-enforce."

"I have no doubt the new home of the school will be a power-house for the generation and distribution of the most helpful influence. I send you my hearty congratulations upon this happy occasion."  

CHARLES EVANS HUGHES

Alumni Convention
Dartmouth Week End

The Twelfth Convention of the Cornell Alumni Corporation (the general alumni association) will be held in Ithaca on Friday, November 11. The program will follow the pattern of the meetings of other years, with many of the local clubs represented by accredited delegates. All Cornellians are welcome, and it is expected that the club delegates, although numerous, will be outnumbered by the unattached alumni.

Two factors calculated to help build up attendance this year are the coincidence of the Armistice Day holiday on November 11, and the Dartmouth football game scheduled for the following day.

As president of the Corporation, William W. Macon '98 of New York will open the convention in Willard Straight Hall on Friday morning. A special feature of luncheon will be the formal presentation to the University of Mennen Hall, the latest addition to the dormitory group. William G. Mennen '08, and his sister, Mrs. Elma Mennen Williams, donors of Mennen Hall, will be present, and Mr. Mennen will speak. President Farrand will respond for the University.

In the afternoon the closing hour will be given over to services in commemoration of the centenary (Continued on page 4)

F. Ellis Jackson '00, Architect of Myron Taylor Hall
REMARKS OF
MYRON C. TAYLOR
TENDERING MYRON TAYLOR
HALL TO CORNELL
UNIVERSITY

Through this structure has visible
material form and substance;
though its origin can be classed as
the fruits of personal activities in the
arena of twentieth century civilisation;
though to Mrs. Taylor and me it
tangibly crystallises the conception
of our minds and the result of our
labours, it has to us a still higher sig-
nificance, expressing inspiration, prepa-
ration, faith, cooperation, achieve-
ment, and reward.

So, also, it should stand as a symbol
of the future in those factors so vital
to the great and moving current of
youth preparing itself to enter upon
the serious action of life. If, through
greater knowledge of and a growing
respect for the law and its enforce-
ment, it inspires increased regard for
the rights of others in individual
and community life; if it assists in bring-
ing to an earlier realization an age of
reason, self control and brotherly love;
if it helps to lead youth through bet-
ter knowledge to wisdom, through
broader perspective to higher and
noble impulses; if it leads to a better
appreciation of the true relationship
between that which is material and
that which is spiritual; if it helps to
bridge the gulf which separates the
commonplace from the ideal, the
temporal from the eternal, Mrs. Tay-
lor and I shall have achieved an en-
during reward.

Having been permitted by a friendly
Providence to garner the means to
build this structure embodying the
actual with the symbolical, we are
greatlyprivileged in being now able to
offer it through you, Dr. Farrand, in
the name of Cornell to the service of
others.

Judge Hiscock, Judge Pound, Mr. Taylor, Dr. Farrand, Dean Bardick
The speakers at the Dedication.

Right: Judge Hiscock, Chairman of
the Board of
Trustees and J.
DuPratt White '90,
Vice-chairman of
the Board and
Chairman of The
Buildings and
Grounds Commit-
tee, arrive for the
occasion.
A Year of Achievement for Cornell Council. Executive Secretary Presents Report

The work of the Cornell Council for the year ending June 30, has brought forth enthusiastic comment from President Farrand. In a letter to Paul Schoellkopf, President of the Cornell Council, President Farrand wrote:

"Now that I am back again in the office after my enforced absence, I wish to express, on behalf of the authorities of the University, our keen appreciation of the response of the alumni to the appeal of the Cornell Council last spring. In these most trying times the financial response was nothing short of remarkable. The University is once more placed in great debt to the alumni for their conscientiousness to their needs, and their generous advance to her support. I need not say to you how very heartening the contributions of the alumni have been to me personally in these days of difficulty."

The Secretary’s Report

A hopeful picture of the future activities of the Council and a gratifying report of the past year’s accomplishments were presented to the members of the Council by Harold Flack ’24, executive secretary. His statement regarding the progress of the alumni fund raising organization follows:

This has been a most interesting year for the Cornell Council. At the beginning of the year things looked very depressing. We had the alternatives of letting things take their natural course, or of using our best efforts to bring the story of Cornell’s finances to the attention of all the alumni. The latter plan involved a little more expense than would have been the case if we had let nature take its course. The results may well be regarded as highly successful.

Alumni Fund $112,464.74

The figures for the fiscal year of the Cornell Council ending June 30th indicate a result which any university in America would be proud to achieve in as difficult a year as we have just passed through.

The alumni of Cornell contributed to the Alumni Fund this year a gross unrestricted fund of $112,464.74, as compared with $142,651.32 last year—a decrease of 21%. The number of contributors this year was 7100. Last year there were 8244 contributors—a decrease this year of 14%.

Total Gifts Thru Council $190,574.30

In addition to the gifts to the Alumni Fund just mentioned, $77,809.56 was received in gifts through the Cornell Council, making the total for the year $190,574.30. While this total is not as large as in former years, it may be said that there were no large gifts received during the year such as have been received in previous years. When consideration is given to the fact that there was a falling off of only 14% in the number of contributors to the Cornell Council, Cornell alumni may well be proud of their achievement.

Bequests, Approximately $250,000

There is an exceedingly hopeful side to the Cornell picture which is not apparent in the actual amount of money received during the year. I refer to the increasing number of bequests that are maturing for Cornell’s benefit. During the past year fourteen bequests, with cash values amounting to approximately $250,000, came to Cornell. The funds from these bequests are not yet in hand, but the total is conservatively figured, and the larger part of the sum should be received within the year.

In addition to these bequests a number of other wills named Cornell as beneficiary, but in view of the prevailing economic situation it is anticipated that there will be no proceeds for the benefit of Cornell from these wills.

The significant thing, however, is that to our knowledge twenty wills named Cornell as beneficiary for gifts of varying amounts. The many years of effort of the Cornell Council’s Committee on Bequests are beginning to tell. It has been pointed out that the hope of Cornell’s financial situation rests in the thoughtfulness of former students. The confidence which has been held for many years that this would be the case is now being justified in ample measure.

Alumni Convention

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of the birth of Dr. Andrew D. White, first president of the University. Mr. Macon will preside, introducing President Farrand for relatively brief remarks, and Professor George L. Burr ’81, who will make the principal address.

The centennial will also be commemorated by an exhibit in the vestibule and rooms of the University Library. Rare and valuable books from Dr. White’s own collection, books by and about him, autograph letters, books, portraits, and other mementoes will be shown.

Inquiries concerning the convention should be addressed to the Secretary of the Corporation, Foster M. Coffin ’22, 3x Morrill Hall, Ithaca.—F.M.C.