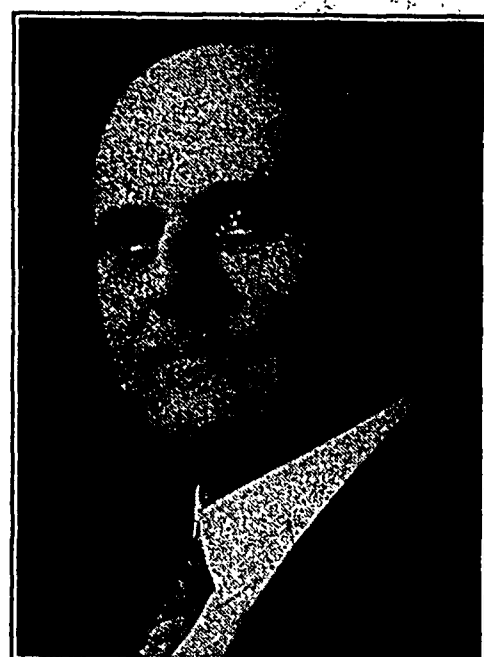


Ward Science Hall Is a Busy Place

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It is common knowledge among alumni and former students of Ottawa University that our new Ward Science Building was named for and is a memorial to Milan Lester Ward, lovingly called the grand old man of Ottawa University. It may not generally be known, however, that Dr. Ward selected the Latin inscription found on the cornerstone of this building. This inscription reads, "Pro scientia et religione," being interpreted liberally it means dedicated to the study of Science and Religion.

It was the good Doctor's idea and profound wish that as long as the halls of this building shall stand, it will shelter under its protecting roof those who will devote their best in the pursuit of the truths revealed by Science and set forth in the tenets of true religion.

Dr. Ward was a scientist himself although he belonged to a period which was not so liberal in religion nor in scientific thought as our own decade. Yet those who knew him well remark about his fairness and liberality of thought. He often expressed the desire that the truths of science might be more readily utilized by the educated to clarify religious beliefs, and also that religion might be more effective in showing scientific students how to apply their findings for the benefit of the race. A study of the careers of those who have gone out from Science Hall in the last decade shows that they must have been impressed with the reasonableness of Dr. Ward's expectations.

Thinking perhaps that graduates and former students may be interested in what has been going on in Ward Science Hall, Taub Talk is herewith giving you this little outline sketch.

Four departments are being housed in Ward Science Hall; Namely, Mathematics and Physics on the first floor, Biology on the second floor, and Chemistry on the third and top floor. Practically every student who has attended Ottawa University in the last ten years has had some work in Science Hall and can testify that the building is being well used, that the facilities for the pursuit of scientific thought are excellent and the equipment modern and ample for undergraduate work. Many visitors who inspect our equipment pronounce this memorial to Dr. Ward one of the best church school equipments for scientific work in the country. None of our equipment may be said to be antiquated. Constant effort is being made to keep this equipment "down to the minute." For example, in Biology all of the microscopes found in the storeroom are of the latest type. In Chemistry and Physics old equipment is being discarded or exchanged for new from time to time.

Every graduate of Ottawa University with a degree of Sc. B. takes his major work in Ward Hall and all pre-medics and pre-engineers and the majority of all other students enrolled in Ottawa University, whether they take their degree or not,

do some work in this science building. Practically all of the instruction in Biology, Chemistry and Physics is accompanied by laboratory practice so it is easily understood that Ward Science Hall is a very busy place. It is the aim in all the instruction given to make practical as well as theoretical application of all that is learned.

Ten graduating classes have gone out since this building was finished. It would be very interesting to read a biographical sketch of each one of these graduates to learn exactly what they have been doing since leaving these halls of inspiration and earnest investigation, but space cannot be given to that at this time. In a brief way we want to indicate that many have gone into graduate work.

Ten or a dozen have pursued graduate studies in the University of Iowa, a number somewhat larger have gone to the University of Kansas, two or three to the University of Michigan, a like number to the University of Nebraska, three or four to the University of Illinois, one to Harvard, and others to schools of less note. Four of these Sc. B. graduates are serving as heads of departments in prominent church colleges, two are serving in important government positions, one has a high place with the Bell Telephone Company, two others are with the General Electric Company, one is an instructor in our Alma Mater, and many are teachers in high schools of this and other states. Some are engineers applying scientific principles to constructive improvements and others to scientific agriculture on farms in Kansas and neighboring states.

In all these ways and many others, graduates and former students who received their impetus through study in Ward Hall have come out to prove that science and religion have a logical relation to each other. They are showing by their teaching and living that science gives us the facts and working principles and religion inspires and leads us to apply them to everyday living. Their experience and teaching is that science and religion do go hand in hand when dealt with by those who have the proper perspective.

Instruction in Ward Science Hall is conducted by those who have a Christian philosophy of life. This instruction is being accepted by as earnest a body of youth as the world has ever known. Our age has been called the age of jazz, of frivolity, of agnosticism, an age lacking reverence, an age characterized by the dollar mark, but in spite of all this it is refreshing and reassuring to know it is still true that conscientious instructors dealing with equally earnest and eager students are to be found seeking the truth about things vital to human life. This goes to show that Dr. Ward's motto on the cornerstone of Ward Science Hall is not inappropriate and it is true that science and religion are making their joint appeal to twentieth century folks.