

WARD SCIENCE HALL

DEDICATED TUESDAY

BUILDING IS COMPLETED AFTER YEARS OF PREPARATION AT BIG COST.

GREAT SCIENTIST PRESENT

DR. J. N. COULTER OF CHICAGO UNIVERSITY THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER.

Dr. Ward gave a Short Talk—Dr. Price gave Financial Report—Building Open to Public Inspection.

The dedication of the Ward Science Hall last Tuesday morning marked the culmination of ten years of planning and two years of building. The ceremonies consisted of the report of the building committee by Dr. S. E. Price, a talk by Dr. Milan L. Ward and an address by Dr. John N. Coulter of Chicago University. The building was open to public inspection immediately following the exercises.

Prof. W. B. Wilson, head of the department of Biology and dean of the University, presided throughout the evening. The Rev. Mr. Powell of the Federated church, opened the services with prayer. Mr. Paul Goodman then played a piano solo.

Dr. S. E. Price gave a report of the actual cost of the building. The building itself cost one hundred and eleven thousand, six hundred and twenty-six dollars and seventy-two cents. It is constructed of the best material that can be secured and is fireproof throughout. No pains have been spared in securing the best. The cost of the building plus the furnishing was one hundred and forty-one thousand, eight hundred and sixty-one dollars and nineteen cents. The equipment is the best available. Everything is as complete as it is possible to make it.

Dr. M. L. Ward, known to every student who ever attended Ottawa University, and loved and respected by all, next made a few remarks. There was loud and prolonged cheering as the crowd rose to greet him when he came forward to speak. Dr. Ward emphasized the uselessness of putting one's life into temporary things which do not survive. He said only things of lasting value are worth while.

Following Dr. Ward, Dr. J. N. Coulter, head of the department of Botany of Chicago, gave the address of the evening. Dr. Coulter spoke on "The Ideals of Science." He said that during the war science was called upon as never before to meet emergencies. All future depends upon scientific research. Dr. Coulter spoke in three ideals or services of science. First it extends the boundaries of human knowledge. Nature must be understood. Practical application is sterile unless there is something present capable of making progress. Exploration is the only way to make progress. Research is the only method by which science can advance. Second the results of science should be applied to human welfare. Its goal is service to man. Pure and applied science are not exclusive types of science but are complementary. Pure science is of no material use to mankind as it is theoretical, applied science known how to do things and is practical. Both are necessary. In the third place, one of the contributions of science is the scientific attitude of mind with the more effective citizen, thoroughly trained in common sense, for its goal. Science cultivates the habit of observation and analysis but this is not the goal of science as any laboratory method does that.

Following Dr. Coulter's address, the Science Hall was given over for public inspection. Everyone was cordially invited to go through the building and look it over. Students acted as guides for the visitors.

The Science Hall is built of limestone quarried near Ottawa, with Bedford rock facing. It is finished throughout in oak. The first floor is given entirely to the department of Physics. The second floor is devoted to biology and the third floor is given to the Chemistry department. The building is equipped with hot and cold water, compressed air, direct and alternating currents, drains, and extra conduits to provide for future needs. The tables in the departments of Biology and Chemistry are the finest made, each costing several hundred dollars. No pains have been spared in securing the best of everything.

The completion of this building marks the end of the first stage in the present building campaign.