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Mid-Dear Convocation

Honoring the Founders

and Dedicating the

EARL EDWARD SHERFF HALL OF SCIENCE

Illinois Wesleyan University

Bloomington, Illinois



Memorial Gymnasium Wednesday, February 5, 1964 10:00 A.M.

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

MID-YEAR CONVOCATION

HONORING THE FOUNDERS

February 5, 1964

10:00 A.M.

Memorial Gymnasium

PRESIDENT LLOYD M. BERTHOLF, Presiding

PROCESSIONAL -- "Pomp and Circumstance"

Elgar

University Orchestra Mario Mancinelli, Director

(Audience will stand during Processional and remain standing through Invocation)

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

INVOCATION

DR. W. W. BENNETT Superintendent, Bloomington District Central Illinois Conference

ANTHEM --- "Gloria" from "Mass in G Major"

The Collegiate Choir Dr. Lewis Whikehart, Director

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God, have mercy upon us.

For only Thou art holy; Thou art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

HISTORICAL SKETCH V: "Jesse and Kersey Fell"

ADDRESS—"The Christian College Marches Backward into the Future" Dr. JOHN OWEN GROSS General Secretary, Division of

PROFESSOR W. E. SCHULTZ

General Secretary, Division of Higher Education, General Board of Education of the Methodist Church

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Doctor of Divinity — HOWARD GREENWALT Doctor of Science (posthumously) — REID KEENAN Poulenc

DEDICATION OF THE EARL EDWARD SHERFF HALL OF SCIENCE

DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

DR. EVERETTE L. WALKER Dean of the University

The Sherff Hall of Science, which we dedicate this day, although conceived and constructed by man, through his God-given talents, is a symbol of the greatness of the Creator and a challenge to all who enter its doors.

As we avail ourselves of this academic facility we reaffirm the purposes of this university and seek the wisdom of Almighty God in our efforts to integrate the search for verifiable facts with ultimate truth.

As students and faculty members employ this hall and its equipment in the search for, and the transmission of, knowledge, we declare our faith and seek Divine guidance.

RESPONSIVE READING

DR. G. E. HARTENBOWER Representative of the Science Advisory Committee

Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars.

Doth not wisdom cry? And understanding put forth her voice?

Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.

For my mouth shall speak truth: and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.

For wisdom is better than rubies: and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

RECOGNITIONS —

- DR. WAYNE W. WANTLAND Chairman of the Division of the Natural Sciences
- DR. EARL E. SHERFF Research Associate in Systematic Botany, Chicago Natural History Museum

PRESENTATION OF THE BUILDING

Mr. J. Orme Evans Architect

UNVEILING OF THE PORTRAIT OF DR. SHERFF

MR. PAUL E. ALLISON President of the Board of Trustees

Friends of Illinois Wesleyan, it is right and proper that all buildings erected at this University, since they are built for service in the name of our Lord, should be formally and devoutly set apart for their special uses. For such a dedication we are now assembled. The dedication of a Hall of Science calls for the consecration of the search for truth to the betterment of man and the Glory of God. We can do no less than to direct the inquiring mind to understand God's world and His will for man. We hereby dedicate our talents and our quest for truth to the enlightenment of the minds of men and the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we dedicate this building to the holy ministry of education.

Take fast hold of instruction: let her not go: keep her: for she is thy life.

We dedicate this building to the spiritual enrichment of all who shall come here in pursuit of knowledge.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

We dedicate this building to the loyal service of those whose training and devotion have prepared them to lead students toward the truth.

The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary.

We dedicate this building to the broadening of mental horizons and the deepening of knowledge, that young and old may be awakened and informed.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

BENEDICTION

DR. GEORGE T. OBORN Director of Development

RECESSIONAL — "March"

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