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MYRON C. TAYLOR AND THE CORNELL LAW SCHOOL

Myron C. Taylor, a graduate of the Cornell Law School's Class of 1894, by his record of leadership and accomplishments in the fields of industry, philanthropy, government service, and diplomacy, brought great honor and distinction to the Law School from which he graduated sixty-five years ago. In addition, his generous support, devotion, and loyalty to the Cornell Law School have contributed immeasurably to every aspect of its operations and to the position and stature of the School today.

No visitor to Cornell can miss the beauty and Gothic dignity of Myron Taylor Hall, the home of the Cornell Law School, and of its neighboring campus sister, Anabel Taylor Hall, the University's interfaith religious center. These two architectural landmarks of the Cornell campus were among Mr. Taylor's magnificent gifts to his alma mater. They will soon be joined by a law residence center, made possible by Mr. Taylor's most recent gift, to be named in honor of the late Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, a member of our Law School faculty when Mr. Taylor was a student, and a life long friend of his. In Myron Taylor Hall, the Cornell Law School has enjoyed, since 1932, a building which in quality, utility and inspirational value, is as fine a facility as that owned by any law school anywhere. In Hughes Hall we shall soon have an equally fine residence center, with attractive and comfortable dining, dormitory, and social facilities for our law students.

Throughout the years, Mr. Taylor maintained a continuing and abiding interest in the Cornell Law School, as he so frequently demonstrated in so many ways. My own contacts with him began very shortly after my appointment as Dean in 1956, when he invited me to meet with him. He was very anxious to have my initial impressions respecting the Law School and its needs and problems. We discussed at length the School's current situation, and particularly its lack of a residence center providing suitable facilities for our law students, most of whom have had to live in private accommodations in Ithaca. We agreed on the value and importance of having such a living unit, not only educationally and in promoting professional esprit, but also in inducing top quality students to select a law school having such a facility for their legal training.

This initial meeting led to several other conferences, at all of which Mr. Taylor posed many penetrating questions covering every significant aspect of the Law School's operations. Toward the close of one of these, he reaffirmed his interest in seeing the School have such a facility, stating

that he hoped to be able to give us some substantial help towards getting it. While he made no definite commitment at that time, shortly afterwards he gave the Law School a major gift of \$1,000,000, which, together with additional funds from other sources, will enable us to build this much needed unit. As the architectural planning for this building is now nearing completion, we hope to be in a position to begin its construction during the present year. It is to be physically connected with Myron Taylor Hall, on the slope overlooking the gorge of Cascadilla Creek, and will provide an integrated unit serving purposes similar to those of the English Inns of Court.

In addition to these two superb buildings, which Mr. Taylor made possible by his magnificent benefactions, he gave the School vital support in a number of other areas. Our Law Library was one of his particular interests, to which he sent many gifts, particularly in the field of international law. He also established for the Law School the Myron Taylor Lectureship in International Affairs, which has enabled us to bring a number of important figures to Ithaca, thus greatly enriching our program in the area of international legal studies and affairs.

With Myron Taylor's death, the Law School has lost an outstandingly devoted alumnus, benefactor, advisor, and friend. His accomplishments, honors, and benefactions have brought immense distinction to the Law School at which he received his professional training. In return for everything which he has done for the School, I know that he would only ask that faculty and students alike in the years to come, make the best and most enlightened use that they can of the facilities and the professional training which he has been so instrumental in making available.

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