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APPENDIX A

Inscriptions

Lawyers Club

1. Over the main State Street entrance to the Lawyers Club:
THE CHARACTER OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION DEPENDS ON THE CHARACTER OF
THE LAW SCHOOLS. THE CHARACTER OF THE LAW SCHOOLS FORECASTS THE
FUTURE OF AMERICA.
2. Over the west entrance passage to the Law Quad, from South University:
THE SUPREME COURT: PRESERVER OF THE CONSTITUTION; GUARDIAN OF OUR
LIBERTIES; GREATEST OF ALL TRIBUNALS.
3. Over the east entrance passage to the Law Quad, from South University:
UPON THE BAR DEPENDS THE CONTINUITY OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT
AND THE PERPETUITY OF THE REPUBLIC ITSELF.
4. Over the entrance to the east passage, from the courtyard side:
THE CONSTITUTION; STEEL FRAME OF THE NATIONAL FABRIC; WITHOUT IT THE
STRUCTURE WOULD FALL INTO RUINS.
5. Over the entrance to the Dining Hall from the courtyard:
FREE INSTITUTIONS, PERSONAL LIBERTY.
6. Over the entrance to the central passageway (both sides):
1924
7. At the interior entrance to the lounge of the Lawyers Club:
THE LAWYERS CLUB. FOUNDED APRIL 1922 BY WILLIAM W. COOK. AB 1880 LLB 1882.
OF THE AMERICAN BAR.
8. Over the interior entrance of the Dining Hall:
ARTES. SCIENTIA. VERITAS

Inscriptions

The John P. Cook Dormitory Building

At the exterior bay, on Tappan Avenue:

JOHN P. COOK, INTRINSICALLY A GREAT MAN, PROMINENT IN THE TERRITORY, AND
LATER IN THE STATE.

The Legal Research Building

1. Over the north entrance, north doorway (exterior right):
LEARNED AND CULTURED LAWYERS ARE SAFEGUARDS OF THE REPUBLIC
(exterior left):
LAW EMBODIES THE WISDOM OF THE AGES—PROGRESS COMES SLOWLY
2. Within the reading room, over the interior entrance, right:
A LITTLE LEARNING IS A DANGEROUS THING. DRINK DEEP OR TASTE NOT.
over the interior entrance, left:
JURISPRUDENCE IS A MILESTONE MARKING THE PROGRESS OF A NATION.
3. Within the entrance vestibule (these four vestibule inscriptions were selected after William Cook's death):
(on the west side, left):
AS THE LAWS ARE ABOVE MAGISTRATES SO ARE THE MAGISTRATES ABOVE THE
PEOPLE. AND IT MAY TRULY BE SAID THAT THE MAGISTRATE IS A SPEAKING LAW
AND THE LAW IS A SILENT MAGISTRATE. CICERO.
(on the west side, right):
IN EFFECT TO FOLLOW NOT TO FORCE THE PUBLIC INCLINATION, TO GIVE A DI-
RECTION A FORM, A TECHNICAL DRESS, AND A SPECIFIC SANCTION TO THE GEN-
ERAL SENSE OF COMMUNITY IS THE TRUE END OF LEGISLATION. BURKE.
(on the east side, left):
JUSTICE AND POWER MUST BE BROUGHT TOGETHER SO THAT WHATEVER IS JUST
MAY BE POWERFUL AND WHATEVER IS POWERFUL MAY BE JUST. PASCAL.
(east side, right):
LAWS ARE THE VERY BULWARK OF LIBERALITY. THEY DEFINE EVERY MAN'S RIGHTS
AND DEFEND THE INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES OF ALL MEN. HOLLAND.
4. On the south wall of the reading room (this inscription was commissioned by the university following Cook's death):
THE BUILDINGS FORMING THIS LAW SCHOOL QUADRANGLE TOGETHER WITH THE
SUPPORTING ENDOWMENT ARE THE GIFT OF WILLIAM W. COOK OF THE CLASS
OF 1882. TO HIS MEMORY THE UNIVERSITY ERECTS THIS TABLET. 1930.

Inscriptions

5. Over the north entrance:

THE WILLIAM W. COOK LEGAL RESEARCH BUILDING

Hutchins Hall

1. Exterior:

AUDITE ALTERAM PARTEM; LIT[T]ERAE SCRIPTAE MANE[N]T
JUS E[S]T ARS BON[I] ET AEQUI
HUTCHINS HALL. THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL.
ANNO DOMINI. MCMXXXII. WWC 1880 LLB [18]82 HBH 1871
LLD 1920
HUTCHINS HALL 1932
THE LAW REVIEW 1932

2. Inside the entrance to the cloister walkways:

HONESTE VIVERE ALTERUM NON LAEDERE SUUM CIRQUE TRIBUERE
FIAT JUSTITIA RUAT COELUM
THE LIFE OF THE LAW HAS NOT BEEN LOGIC, IT HAS BEEN EXPERIENCE.