MAY MEETING, 1930

The Board received and accepted with regret the resignation of Joseph H. Drake, Sr., as tendered:—

Gentlemen:—

As I attain the age of seventy years on May 18, 1930, I herewith present my resignation as Professor of Law in the Law School of the University of Michigan, to take effect at the end of the academic year, on July 1, 1930.

Very respectfully yours,

April 26, 1930

Joseph H. Drake, Sr.

Professor Drake's resignation was accompanied by the following statement on the part of Dean Bates:—

Professor Drake came into the Law School at a strategic time in the history of the School. His service as a member of the Faculty of the Department of Literature, Science, and the Arts, his broad training, and his exceptional ability as a thorough and sympathetic teacher, were of invaluable help in the task of making the School, in spirit and in functioning, an integral and co-operative department of the University.

His study and teaching of Latin literature, as well as of Roman institutions, gave him an exceptionally broad foundation upon which to do his work as Professor of Roman Law, of Juristic Philosophy, and of Comparative Law; and many graduates of the School, now prominent upon the Bench or at the Bar, gladly attest to the stimulus toward thorough and precise scholarship which his teaching imparted to them.

He was too good a teacher to be permitted to devote himself wholly to Roman Law and Jurisprudence, and he has given courses in the law of Partnership, of Damages, of Property, and a course in Elementary Law given for many years in this School.

Professor Drake's scholarship, both in Roman literature as such and in law, found expression in numerous contributions to law periodicals, the translation and editing of some of the masterpieces of Roman literature, the translation of Stammler's Fundamental Tendencies in Modern Jurisprudence, and in introductions to, and translations of, some of the great German treatises upon juristic philosophy.

During all of his long service to the University, Professor Drake has been unremitting in his industry, tireless in his quest of accurate knowledge and deep understanding. His retirement will cause unmitigated regret to all of his colleagues and to the thousands of students whom he has
known. No one could have been more utterly devoted or self-sacrificing. During all of these years he has uncomplainingly and unselfishly performed his duty, with never a suggestion of any desire for special advantage or privilege to himself. In my administrative work I have sought his advice, encouragement, and friendly sympathy times without number, and never in vain. It is the simple truth to say that no one could have been more loyal than Professor Drake has been to the interests of the School, the University, and the legal profession, and no one could have been a more generous and understanding friend of an administrator than Professor Drake has been of mine. We all hope that after a period of rest and study abroad, he will return to a close association with the School and with his friends and colleagues of the faculty.

Professor Drake was entitled Professor Emeritus of Law beginning July 1, 1930.

The following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That Joseph Horace Drake be recommended to the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching for the normal retiring allowance beginning with July 1, 1930.

The Regents accepted with thanks the gift embodied in the following communication addressed to the President:—

The Polonia Literary Circle desires to transmit through you to the University of Michigan the Circle's trust fund of $840.43,—this sum to be used for the purchase of books relating to representative aspects of Polish life and culture, especially in the fields of literature, language, science, history, and art. It is our hope that this library fund may make available for American students a more comprehensive view of Poland's past and present.

We also trust that the University will find it possible in the not distant future to make regular provision from its own resources for the growth of the Polish section in the University Library.

Sincerely yours,

Alexander A. Bochnowski
President, the Polonia Literary Circle

Joseph S. Kozacka
Chairman, Fund Committee

May 6, 1930