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Trustee Dies



J. DUPRATT WHITE

DuPratt White, Chairman Of Cornell Trustees, Dies

J. DuPratt White, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Cornell, died at his home in Nyack this morning.

Mr. White, 69, suffered a stroke three months ago.

A graduate of Cornell, Mr. White devoted many years to the University's interests. He was elected a trustee 26 years ago and became vicechairman 15 years ago, a post he held until he succeeded Judge Frank H. Hiscock of Syracuse last January.

Shortly after his election, he suffered the stroke and was unable to perform his duties. The board elected H. E. Babcock of Ithaca to be acting chairman during Mr. White's illness.

Helped Raise Endowment

Mr. White was credited by fellow trustees for the part he played in obtaining Myron Taylor Hall, Baker Laboratory, and the John McMullen fund for scholarships in engineering. He served as chairman of Cornell's semi-centennial endowment committee in 1919 when more than six million dollars was raised.

Mr. White also served as president of the Cornellian Council and was a member of its executive committee for 25 years. He served also on the committees which selected Dr. Livingston Farrand and Dr. Edmund Ezra Day as presidents.

As a trustee, Mr. White served as chairman of the committee on buildings and grounds and as a member of the general administration and finance committees. His present term as trustee would have expired in 1941.

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Born at Middletown, July 25, 1869, the son of Charles Nelson and Elizabeth Brackett (Crosby) White, he attended Nyack and Ithaca High Schools and entered Cornell in 1886 with a state scholarship. He was graduated in 1890 with a bachelor of letters degree. Colgate University awarded him the LL. D. degree in 1936.

As an undergraduate he was editor of the Cornell Daily Sun and a debater and orator.

Admitted to the New York bar in 1892, Mr. White became a member of the firm of White and Case.

Mr. White became a commissioner of the Palisades Interstate Park in 1900 and served as its president for many years. He was appointed a chevalier of the Legion of Honor in 1919 by the French government in acknowledgment of his service as counsel to the French High Commission.

Mr. White was a member of the American and New York State Bar Associations, the New York County Lawyers' Association, and Alpha Tau Omega. His clubs were University, Union League, Down Town, Lawyers, Cornell, and New York Yacht.

In 1898 he married Anita Bradley Lombard of Fort Hamilton. One daughter, Mrs. Harold L. Taylor, survives.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a. m. Monday in Grace Episcopal Church, Nyack.

Provost H. Wallace Peters of Cornell said:

"Cornell has lost one of her most distinguished sons in the death of J. DuPratt White. No individual Cornelian has given more freely of his time and energies to our university than has Mr. White during the past quarter of a century. The university has been enriched beyond measure because of his wise counsel, his unfailing devotion, and untiring efforts. In dealing with every phase of Cornell life, Mr. White left the impress of his warm, friendly personality throughout the university. His death will be mourned not only in official circles at Cornell, but by his host of friends on the campus who will long remember his graciousness, his square dealing, and the sympathetic and intelligent consideration which he gave to every problem."

H. E. Babcock, acting chairman of the Board of Trustees, said:

"Only those who have been closely associated with the administrative affairs of the University can have an adequate appreciation of the time, energy, and affectionate devotion which J. DuPratt White contributed to Cornell. I count the loss of Mr. White's services to the University, just at the time when his election as Chairman of the

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Board of Trustees had placed him in a position to be even more effective in University affairs, as irreparable. No more fitting monument to Mr. White's memory can be erected than to build a greater Cornell. This was what he wished to accomplish himself and what his friends can most fittingly do in his memory."

Frank E. Gannett of Rochester, a Cornell trustee, said:

"I am deeply grieved at news of the death of J. DuPratt White. I knew him as a leader of the bar, as a warm supporter of the state park system, as a trustee of Cornell, as a friend. Only those of us who were associated with him realize how great was his contribution to the University, not only in wise guidance of its physical development but in matters of broad educational policy as well. His loss will be felt in a wide area of public interest."