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GREETINGS FROM THE SUPREME COURT
WILLIAM A. HOKE

CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT

I know that I express your cordial sentiment in saying how highly we appreciate the entertaining and impressive address of our distinguished visitor, Dr. Vance, and in assuring him that we are grateful for his coming and are helped by his message. We are glad to be present at these dedicatory exercises, and that we attend in such a goodly company. In common with all the people of the State, we take just pride in this Law School, and know of a certainty that it well deserves the confidence that we have in it.

Year by year, or rather twice in every year, it sends down its classes of young men to apply for license to practice law in the courts of the State, and they give every indication not only of being well instructed in the learning of the law, but of having also a fine concept of professional ethics, and a high standard of civic duty and conduct. No man who has opportunity as we have to see and observe them can fail to realize that they will assuredly add to the strength and well being of the commonwealth, and that they will range themselves with the forces that make for righteousness and peace and well ordered progress.

To my mind, there is no reason why you should not have as fine a law school as there is in this or any other country. You have the material, you have the organization and competent leadership.

You have the setting and background of a great University with its history and achievement, its association and its culture, of which you are a part. Moreover, you have the inspiration and the purpose, and are moving in the right direction, and I verily believe you will attain to what is highest and best in such a school. Indeed, in a great many respects, you have already arrived.

I heartily congratulate you gentlemen of the Law School, on the record you are making, and on having such a beautiful and commodious building in which to do your work. In every way it is worthy of the school and of the great teacher and lawyer and citizen in whose honor it is named.