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# THE DR. H. H. CHERRY BRONZE STATUE FUND

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Dear Western Graduate:

Our great educational leader, President H. H. Cherry, has passed on, but that dynamic personality which has inspired thousands with whom he came in contact lives on. His motto, "Life, More Life" is a challenge to the sixty thousand students who have been with him on the Hill.

It is our duty as well as our privilege to carry on those principles and high ideals of young manhood and womanhood which he held sacred for nearly half a century. He loved a life that served; and he himself longed to live to complete fifty years of hard, honest, and sincere service for his fellowman. What greater wish could any man have than this? He, like many other great men, has left much of his work unfinished.

No doubt his greatest joy in life was to provide an opportunity for the young men and women of his native state to develop in body, mind and soul. The individual debt of thousands to this great pioneer educational leader of Kentucky can never be paid, but we may have an opportunity to express our personal tribute in bronze, his statue carved from life by a master artist, the late Lorado Taft.

The great mass of flowers which were banked around his casket while it lay in state in chapel was evidence of our love for our great leader; these flowers have withered, but this bronze statue will stand through the ages as a permanent and constant reminder of our devotion to him and of the principles for which he stood, and as a continuous inspiration to the thousands who will come to the Hill.

This statue will be unveiled on November 16, 1937, Dr. Cherry's seventy-third birthday. We hope that you will arrange to be present at this time. We felt that you would want to have a part in this memorial to the man we love.

The original price of the statue, \$20,000, was considerably reduced by Dr. Taft because for his friendship of President Cherry and his interest in the fact that the subscriptions would come from people who spend their lives in service but would have only limited means. We owe a balance of \$2,500. The average subscription by each graduate to date is \$5.57.

The names of all contributors will be placed in the granite pedestal on which the statue will stand.

Please send your contribution to Miss Mattie McLean, Secretary.

Yours for a greater College Home—Western,

The Dr. H. H. Cherry Bronze Statue Committee

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