IN MEMORIAM

VICTOR IVAN MOORE

Victor Ivan Moore was born at Prattville, Alabama, on May 23, 1883, and died at Austin, Texas, on August 6, 1943. He was the son of the Reverend Henry D. and Caroline Tait Moore. During his son's boyhood, the Reverend Mr. Moore was pastor of a succession of churches in Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky. After having prepared for college at private schools in Knoxville, Tennessee, and Louisville, Kentucky, Victor Moore studied at Vanderbilt University, from which he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1903. While at Vanderbilt, he was active in student social, literary, and athletic affairs. He was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, a member of the editorial staffs of two student publications, and he lettered in track, baseball, and football. He later studied at The University of Texas, from which he received the degree of Master of Arts in 1927.

On June 6, 1904, Victor Moore and Lucy Proctor Taylor were married. Four children were born to their marriage: Victor Ivan, Jr.; Sara Lee, now Mrs. R. A. Hatcher; Henry D.; and Lucille, now Mrs. Byron Garrett. Mrs. Moore predeceased her husband in 1934, and Victor Ivan, Jr., died on May 23, 1942.

Victor Moore's life was devoted to educational work. In 1903, he joined the teaching staff of the Louisville Training School; in 1908, he became Instructor in Latin and Director of Athletics at Kentucky Wesleyan College, and, in 1911, left Kentucky Wesleyan to take a similar position with the Missouri State Normal School. He became Co-principal of the Arlington, Texas, Training School, in 1913, where he remained until 1917, when he became Superintendent of Schools at Bartlett, Texas. For a number of years he was engaged, during his summer vacations, as superintendent and manager for the Redpath Chatauqua Company.

In 1925, he joined the staff of The University of Texas, as Assistant Dean of Men. He became Acting Dean of Men the following year, and, in 1927, he became Dean of Men and Dean of Student Life. He was later made a member of the Department of Classical Languages. He continued as Dean of Men and of Student Life and as a member of the Department of Classical
Languages until within a few months of his death, when he became Dean Emeritus and Associate Professor of Latin on modified service.

Dean Moore quickly achieved a place of commanding leadership on the campus of The University of Texas and among student life leaders throughout the entire nation. He built solidly and well on the foundations laid by his predecessors. He was exceedingly active in the National Association of Deans and Advisors of Men, serving as Secretary of the organization from 1928 to 1931, and as President in 1931-32. Until his last illness, he appeared frequently on its programs, and was host to the Association, at The University of Texas, in 1937. He was greatly interested in the Phi Eta Sigma Fraternity—the National Scholarship Society for Freshman Men—and was the moving spirit in securing a chapter of the fraternity at The University of Texas. He served as National Vice-President of the Fraternity.

The services which Dean Moore rendered through his work with students mark him as one of the most useful men ever associated with The University of Texas. His interest in students was sincere, intelligent, and enthusiastic. He was unaffectedly devoted to their welfare and earnestly concerned for the happiness of everyone. He believed in students and in the activities which engage so much of their time, so that he took an unflagging delight in working with them. He was unfailing in his sympathy and deep in his understandings of student problems. No problem that mattered to a student was trivial to Dean Moore, and he had a capacity to deal with young people that was little short of genius. He made a contribution to the welfare of students that is so great as to be beyond calculation.

To his deep sympathy and affection for people, Dean Moore joined clear convictions of right and wrong, and was able to advise students in a way that served both to correct their faults and to build up their dignity and self-respect. Those who have been associated with him in his handling of disciplinary cases have remarked of his peculiar ability to present all aspects of a case, and, while bringing the fault of a student who had violated University regulations to light, he always brought out points which told in a student's favor with complete fairness.
Dean Moore, without any sacrifice of the authority and dignity of his very responsible position, kept himself one of the most accessible of men. His home was open to students, and the hours which were allotted to conferences with individuals and with groups were exceedingly generous. It is not surprising that students understood and trusted him, for he made it a major object of his life to understand and sympathize with them, and his understanding and sympathy bred affection and trust. No one can ever know the sum of what he did for students of The University of Texas in the years of his service here, but thousands of ex-students have the record of his help to them individually written indelibly on their memories.

Dean Moore was an exceedingly useful member of the University faculty and community. He was long an active member of the University Club and of the Scholia Club, and served as President of the first and Factotum of the second. He was, from childhood, a member of the Methodist Church, and was an officer in the University Methodist Church and a teacher of one of its Bible Classes. His judgment in matters of University policy was sound, and his opinions were well-considered and delivered in good temper. Those of us who worked with him closely found the association a profitable and happy one. He was active in promoting every good movement in the University and the University community, and was a friend prized and loved by all who knew him.

Be it therefore resolved; That the Faculty of The University of Texas record its deep sense of the great value of the contribution which the life and work of Victor Ivan Moore made to the University and to the State of Texas. That we record further our deep appreciation of his fine qualities and of our affection for him, and that we extend our earnest sympathy to his children.

Special Committee on Moore Memorial Resolution
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