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EDITORIALS

INAUGURATION OF DR. JOHN ROSCOE TURNER—The Inauguration of President John R. Turner marks a new era in the affairs of West Virginia University.

This is because President Turner has a new conception of the possibilities of the University, and its relationship to the state as a whole. He believes, of course, that it is primarily a place for the education of the young people of the state but he also sees another field in which the University can serve. That field is the development of the resources of the state through the trained experts and technicians who should be a part of the University staff. To use his own expression, he believes that the University should be "geared" to the life of the state. He believes that it has an opportunity not unlike the opportunity of the research department of a great corporation.

The conception of the state as a joint enterprise for the development of material and cultural resources within its borders is one which is appealing more and more to the imagination of the American people. This idea did not exist twenty years ago. It is necessarily vague in its outline but it does contain a concrete picture of the possibilities which lie before a state government, and this picture has vitally affected the actual conduct of state governments. The efforts of states to develop themselves by advertising, by research, by securing the services of technicians have been often unsuccessful. Their unsuccess has been due

largely to the fact that these efforts have not been backed by careful study or by any coordinated plan. State publicity bureaus and experimental bureaus have lacked continuity, which is a defect inherent in every political body. Dr. Turner believes that in a state university, there exists a continuing institution divorced from the constant upheavals of politics which can furnish the scholarly and coordinated effort necessary to real accomplishment along these lines. These ideas have fired the imagination of all who have listened to Dr. Turner.

It is through the graduate school, of course, that this service in the State of West Virginia is to be undertaken. It is this aspect of the graduate school which Dr. Turner particularly emphasizes.

The inauguration was designed to picture the possibilities implicit in this idea. It was for that reason that each professional school gave a program designed to show what it could do for West Virginia and President Turner summed up the whole in his very able inaugural address. In this number we print the remarks of Dean Hutchins of Yale University and Ex-Governor Cornwell who were the principal speakers on the Law School Inaugural Program. We believe that they lay down concrete suggestions as to how Dr. Turner's conception of graduate work may be realized by the Law School in particular.

Needless to say, the editors of the *QUARTERLY* are enthusiastic over Dr. Turner's attitude toward this kind of work. His new policy in our opinion not only offers the opportunity of constructive service to the state but also will bring the faculty into closer touch with the actual problems of the law and thereby make them more efficient and interesting teachers. Congratulations from the Law School are therefore tendered to Dr. Turner because of his inspiring conception of the future of West Virginia and his vigor and courage in attempting to make it a reality.

PROBLEMS OF THE MODERN LAW SCHOOL.—We quote in full the remarks of John J. Cornwell, Ex-Governor of West Virginia, and new, General Counsel of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which he made on the occasion of the Inauguration of President John R. Turner. We include them among our editorials because they express so fully the ideas of the editors. Governor Cornwell spoke as follows:

“I do not know whether I was more flattered than mystified at finding myself on the program for a brief address after accepting