

# Harry Alton Hitchcock

— *October 17, 1917*

The following resolutions, presented by Professor Kerr, were adopted by rising vote:

The University Faculty deplores the loss of Harry Alton Hitchcock, Secretary of the University, whose death on October 17, shortly after the opening of the University, followed an illness of several months.

Mr. Hitchcock entered the University in 1896 and promptly won the respect and affection of his college mates; with his teachers he left an abiding memory of a diligent and earnest student, of a sincere and honorable man.

After his graduation with the degree of Bachelor of Science and a subsequent year of graduate study in literature, he was engaged successfully in editorial work and in business management of publications and publishing houses in Boston and New York, work for which he was fitted by inclination and education. During this period he maintained his interest in the University and in the affairs of its alumni.

Called to the office of Secretary of the University, he brought to the service of Cornell a maturity and a training which were of good augury. His quiet humor, scholarly attitude, energy, and dignity gave promise of years of constructive and productive work.

Mr. Hitchcock at once displayed noteworthy capacity for his new duties. His zealous attention to the manifold demands of the office and the unfailing kindness and courtesy of his address elicited warm praise from all with whom he came in contact, officers, alumni, and students alike. His services as keeper of the alumni records, his efforts toward closer relations between the alumni and the University, and his faithful interest in the various alumni organizations in which he became an officer, no less than his energetic direction of the details of routine, are abundant evidence of his activity, ability, and devotion.

It was given him to enjoy but a year of the congenial new life upon which he had entered when the insidious disease which took him away stole on him almost without warning. After a brave struggle for strength, and final recourse to surgery, he faced the inevitable with courage.

His death, in the fullness of his powers, deprives the University of a faithful servant, the Faculty of a trusted counsellor and friend.

*Committee: W. Austen, B. S. Monroe, A. T. Kerr, Chairman*