

James Edwin Creighton

Sage Professor of Logic and Metaphysics

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James Edwin Creighton was a member of the teaching staff of Cornell University for thirty-five years, and at the time of his death was the senior active member of the University Faculty. During his long career as teacher, writer, and editor he stamped his personality indelibly on all of his work.

As Dean of the Graduate School he was chiefly responsible for the creation and formulation of its standards and procedure; as Editor of *The Philosophical Review* during a period of over thirty years he read, adjudged, and published a large part of the philosophical articles written in America and through this labor he exerted an influence far beyond the country's boundaries; as a teacher he interpreted with unrivalled clarity and expository skill the great systems of speculative thought and created among his students, as few men have done, a body of disciples, many of whom have become writers and teachers,—his living epistles; as a member of our faculties and in the general life of the University he was an extraordinarily impressive and influential figure.

Preeminently he was a man of faith. Tenacious of principles, persistent and persuasive in controversy, he was a protagonist in every important issue that concerned the ends and ideals of university education and government. He was a stalwart and outspoken advocate of the professorial point of view, an ardent believer in the efficacy of open discussion, a lover of the fire of intellectual battle, and impatient of easy and unconsidered acquiescence. His was a rugged and virile mind. He had strong convictions and there was a contagion in his earnestness and sincerity. In his death the University is impoverished by the loss of one of its most distinguished scholars.

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