

PROF. MILAN LESTER WARD
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Duty calls in only one direction

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Ninety-four years of life on earth. Eighty years of Christian service—fifty-three of them in the Baptist cause in Kansas. Sixty years of teaching,—sixty years of close contact with the living stream that has turned the wheels of human progress during two generations.

Dr. Ward influenced constructively the youth of his native land in nine different localities. He built with living stones the temple of faith and hope, in which his later years were spent when he had withdrawn from active participation in his beloved profession of teaching.

Dr. Ward centered his chief interest in young people. To them he gave his best thought and endeavor. He believed that by building up a strong Christian college in which they might find the summary of what God had wrought among men and for men throughout the centuries, he was conferring upon youth the greatest gift that could be given by man. Ottawa University and, through it, the six college generations who had passed through it during his teaching connection with it, bear witness to his idealized purposes and his unflagging energy. Not only in those years of teaching but also in his years of retirement, he kept in close touch with University life and frequently aided later generations of students, both individually and in groups, with his sage advice and his long-range experience.

In his later years of quiet looking out upon the ebb and flow of world life he was a wide and thoughtful reader, a shrewd observer of events, a tolerant judge of human nature as it was manifested in the stream of action. The observations and opinions he shared with his former students by means of a wide correspondence. To many states of the Union and to many foreign lands his letters went, bringing hope and a broadening view to their recipients.

He maintained his close productive contact with church life up to within three months of the end. His class in the Sunday School, the Chandler-Ward Class, was the center of his local activity. To it he gave a large part of his time and brought to it the results of his penetrative reading, his meditation, as well as the ripened thought rooted in his long experience.

And now he has gone from us. Ninety-four years of life,—and then the end? Nay! just the beginning.



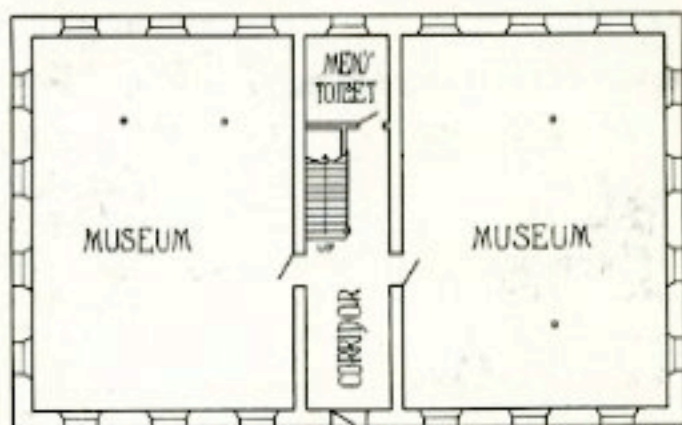
TAUY JONES HALL

Historical

This historical building was erected in 1866. At that time it was one of the best college buildings in the entire West. It was burned in 1875 and repaired at once. It was the only college building upon the campus until about the nineties, when Charlton Cottage was erected. It is exceedingly interesting to hear some of the old timers give their personal experiences in connection with this building and the early history of the College.

After the Administration building was erected this historic old building was fitted for the Science Departments. Students who have been here during the past twenty-five or more years have vivid recollection of doing their work in Chemistry and Biology in that building. When Ward Science Hall was erected all of the work in science was transferred from "Old Science Hall" to Ward Science Hall, and the old building was left to itself.

At various times the alumni and former students have made suggestions as to the preservation of "Old Science Hall," but no definite action was taken until about one year ago, when the Ward Chapter of the Alumni recommended to the Board of Trustees that a committee be appointed to raise a sufficient amount of money to reconstruct the building so that it could be used for the Conservatory of Music. This matter was presented to the Board of Trustees at their meeting, January 23, 1923, and by



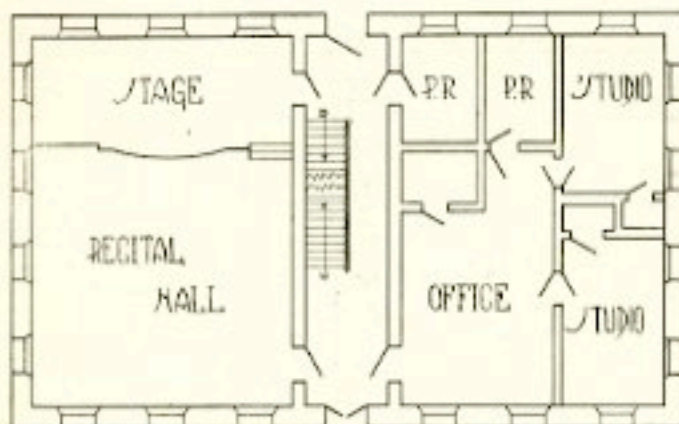
BASEMENT PLAN

them unanimously adopted and the following committee appointed:

Dr. C. A. Neighbors, Ottawa, Chairman; Mr. H. Q. Banta, Oberlin, Rev. J. T. Crawford, Topeka, Hon. W. P. Lambertson, Fairview, Mr. Arthur Willis, Ottawa.

Under the joint supervision of this Committee and a Committee of the Board of Trustees, work was begun upon the building in May. It was thought wise to strengthen the foundation and repair the walls of the entire building so that it would be just as good as new.

A Kansas City contractor was employed to do the mason work and to repair the walls. Every defective stone in the walls was removed. An old stone house southwest of town was practically torn down in order to get weathered sandstone to replace those that had to be removed. The entire wall was repointed. The old chimneys were all removed. A new roof put on. The supports for the walls and roof were all renewed. New steel pillars, shown in the basement plan, extend from the ground to the purline plates that carry the roof. The joists for all the floors were entirely worked over and many new joists were put in. Sound-proof material was put in all of the floors and partitions on the first and second floors so that a large number of pianos may be played at the same time without any one disturbing the others. Double doors have been put on all of the studios and practice rooms. Oak flooring has been laid upon all of the floors. The entire building has been plastered. Electric lights have been placed in all of the rooms and all wires are in conduits. The building has been connected with the central heating plant, so that it is heated by steam, as are the other college



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

buildings. New sewer connections have been made. A new walk has been laid beginning at Poplar street entrance and leading to the north entrance of the building. This walk is shown in the cut on the last page of this Bulletin.

From this general outline it is readily seen that the Committee in charge of the work was determined to do a good job. It is fair to say that the building is now in the best condition that it has ever been. This is in harmony with the general policy of the Trustees, who plan to do well whatever they attempt to do. They are working for the future as well as the present.

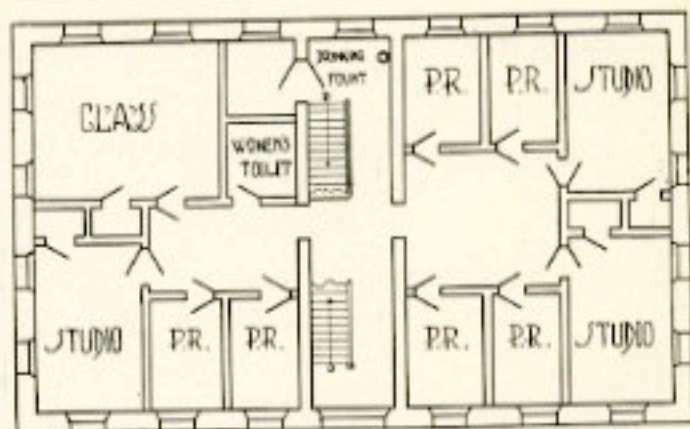
By order of the Executive Committee the name that the building has acquired from the recent use to which it has been put, has been changed to Taub Jones Hall, in honor of the founder of the Institution.

We believe that the building today presents the best appearance of any building upon the campus and for generations to come it will serve a most useful purpose. One of the deep desires of Professor Ward was that he might see this building repaired, preserved and fitted for some definite and useful work. We all had hoped that he might have lived until the building was completed and might join in its formal presentation to the public. But this noble man passed on before he saw his heart's desire realized.

We give a brief description of each floor and invite the reader to study the outline of the floor as it is described.

The Basement

Those who remember the five or six rooms in the basement of "Old Science Hall" would hardly recognize the two large light rooms as they now appear. Each of these rooms is 25x36 feet. The ceiling is eight feet in height. The floor is cement. The



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

windows have been raised about ten inches so that they are all above ground. The entrance from the outside is now under the steps on the north side of the building. It is our purpose to use these rooms for a museum. The University has a rare collection that has never yet been properly displayed. With new cases and good care these rooms afford an excellent opportunity to develop a valuable museum.

The First Floor

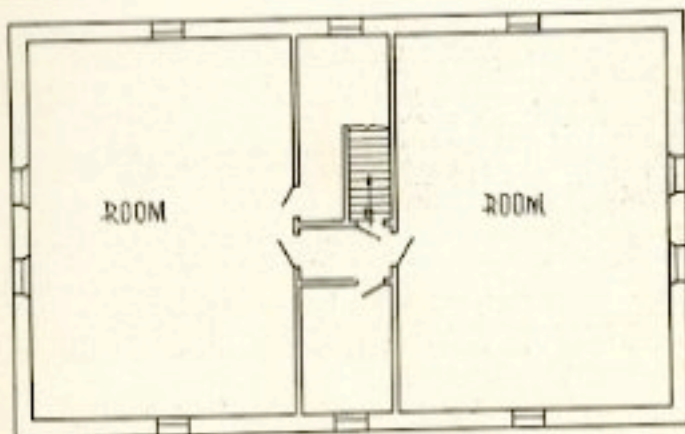
The old chemistry laboratory makes a fine hall for recitals where not over one hundred are expected to attend. The plan for the west end of this floor shows a very commodious office with a closet, two studios, each 11x16 feet in size, with a closet in each of them, and two practice rooms, each 7x12 feet in size.

The Second Floor

On the second floor the drawing shows three studios, two in the west end and one in the east end, a classroom well fitted for classroom work and seven practice rooms, each about 7x12 feet. The partitions between these rooms are built with sound proofing material, so that all can be used at any one time without one disturbing another.

The Third Floor

Do you remember the attic? Well, you would hardly recognize the two large, light rooms that we have at the present time. It is not determined as yet just what use will be made of these two rooms. We have several applications for them, but none have been acted upon as yet. They are well lighted by electric lights and the heat has been carried to these rooms, but no radiators have been put in as yet. Without doubt there will be abundant use for these rooms in days to come.



THIRD FLOOR PLAN

Dome Painting

But what about dome painting? The old time dome painting is a thing of the past. The Student Body of Ottawa University has by vote determined that the Seniors may each year, early in the fall semester, with appropriate ceremonies, have their numerals painted in an artistic manner upon the dome. This is to be done in the day time and these numerals are to remain there during the entire year. What a disappointment to some of the old timers! But it is in harmony with the present condition and use to which the building will be put.

The Alumni have built in a splendid fashion and they will have reason to be grateful in years to come that they have done well what they attempted to do.

Finances

The entire expense in the work of reconstructing Taub Jones Hall including the extension of the Heating Plant has been about \$30,000.00, the exact figure is not available because some minor bills are not yet in. This of course is more than was expected, but more has been done than at first was intended.

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There has been subscribed up to the present time about \$9,000. It was originally intended that all of the money should be in the hands of the Trustees by the time that the building was completed, but that was not found possible. At the suggestion of Dr. and Mrs. George E. Myers of Ann Arbor, Mich., the committee decided that it was wise to extend the time for payment of the pledges to April 1, 1926. In this way the pledge can be paid in three annual installments. It has been found necessary to ask those who have already made pledges to continue them if possible in like amounts for at least two years more. Dr. and Mrs. Myers agree to contribute \$500.00 on this plan. Others have already agreed to duplicate that gift. Now let the good work go on. Pledges will be received on condition that at least \$25,000.00 be subscribed by June 10, 1924. Now is the time for O. U. Alumni and former students to go ahead and complete what they have begun so well.



TAUB JONES HALL
Fourth Entrance

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