

**AN APPRECIATION OF THE SERVICES OF DR. HALL AS REGENT OF UNIVERSITY**  
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made of the new buildings of the University except by those who were disappointed in the lack of architectural elaboration. From the standpoint of good taste, efficiency, permanence, and low cost there has been almost no criticism by the friends of the institution or those usually highly critical of anything connected with it.

The next crisis in the history of the institution was incident to the war. It was inevitable that there should be a conflict between the advocates of the utmost freedom of speech and those who (to paraphrase the words of General Sherman) would speak no word or think no thought that could embarrass the government of the United States in the signal contest. When the situation had reached a very critical condition it was Dr. Hall who proposed a public hearing and a full ventilation of the charges of disloyalty on the part of certain of the University professors in order that he state might know exactly the internal situation. The famous "trial" is now a matter of history and whatever may be the private opinions of people in regard to the wisdom or justice of the decisions reached, the work was so thoroughly done that in the Legislature that followed, so far as the writer knows, no mention was ever made of the incident.

During the war period Dr. Hall's vote, as well as those of all of his colleagues, was cast for every measure proposed to aid the federal government, such as the granting of leaves of absence for men to join the colors, the establishing of schools for military technicians, and the restoration to his position of the returned soldier when the war was over. The record of the University in supporting the government and in treatment of the veterans is a highly honorable one and Dr. Hall is entitled to his full share of the credit.

The University suffered great distress through the inflation caused by the war. Dr. Hall's influence was always for sane and sane measures to meet the changing conditions. There was no man on the Board of Regents who understood the temper of the people of the state better than he. He was not moved from his moorings by those who wished to inaugurate a brilliant but tremendously expensive program, while at the same time he was devoid of all feelings of

smallness and littleness in financial matters in connection with the work of the institution. He could show liberality without profligacy, economy without penuriousness.

Perhaps the greatest service that Dr. Hall rendered was his work in the reorganizing of the finances of the institution after the special session of the Legislature had cut the appropriation for maintenance and special activities nearly \$300,000. The immediate officials in charge were told to exercise the most stringent economy so as to be able to show the present Legislature that not only had this retrenchment been effected but that a safe balance had been maintained as a reserve. Dr. Hall's attitude was that the state and the taxpayers demanded this retrenchment, that the officials must carry it out no matter how much internal grief it might cause. At the same time he wished it to be effected as conservatively as possible. He constantly supported the Superintendent of Operations and the Finance Secretary in doing for the University what every sound business firm was obliged to do for itself during the deflation period. This attitude was a source of great strength to the University officials in discouraging this difficult but necessary duty, a task rendered more difficult by the fact that the number of students was increasing during the entire period at the rate of about ten per cent per year and the demand of the public for the services of the institution was increasing at perhaps an even greater rate.

Dr. Hall was always extremely popular with his colleagues on the Board. He was frequently the silent member, but when he spoke his words carried great weight. His genial stories enlivened the dull routine of official proceedings. His calmness in hours of apprehension did much to allay the apprehensions of his colleagues and of the University officials.

ment was keeping open house. And with all this activity no Regent ever showed a more delicate appreciation of the position of the administrative officers in caring for the details of the work. He exercised his influence always through regular channels and never encouraged by any word or deed the slightest insubordination on the part of the staff. He seemed to feel that he should give all in authority the maximum amount of support with the minimum amount of interference. The University today feels the loss of one of its great builders and strong friends. We are confident that his work will endure.

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