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“This building, erected largely through the generosity of its young alumni, guarantees the future of the School. The men who erected this structure will never allow the school to fail. ... Trickett Hall will never fail, never close its doors. Alumni and friends will see to that. Long live Trickett Hall! Long live the noble body of loyal sons who by their generous giving have made possible the noble building which for a hundred years and more will continue to be the home of The Dickinson School of Law.”

DR. GEORGE EDWARD REED, TRICKETT HALL DEDICATION ADDRESS, TRICKETT HALL, DICKINSON LAW REVIEW, VOLUME 23
TRICKETT HALL WAS FORMALLY DEDICATED THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 16, 1918.

"Judge F. B. Moser presided. Justice Edward J. Fox of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and Dr. George Edward Reed, former president of Dickinson College, addressed the group. Anthony T. Walsh, chairman of the Association of the Alumni of The Dickinson School of Law, presented the service flag.

One of the most interesting incidents of this occasion was the presentation to Dr. Trickett of a massive mahogany chair, the gift of the alumni of Berks County, presented by J. Wilmer Fisher. The chair, he said, was a token of their love and respect for him.

A letter from George Wharton Pepper, Esq., a professor at the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania, was read during the dedication. After singing the Star Spangled Banner, the alumni gathered on the steps for the first group photograph."

"Carlisle abounds in beautiful examples of colonial architecture, most of them dating back to colonial days. This style of architecture is carried out in the new building, which when completed will be one of the most beautiful buildings in the Cumberland Valley, as well as one of the most convenient and commodious law school buildings in the United States."

"Dickinson School of Law is one of the best institutions in the nation. May she ever maintain her high standards. Numbers of the best young men of this and former generations in the legal profession and in other fields of human endeavor can point with pride to their graduation from The Dickinson School of Law."

"ROBERT HAYS SMITH VIA TELEGRAM"

"BURLON R. LAUB PROUD AND INDEPENDENT"
Architecturally, the style of the building is the Georgian of colonial days. Upon entering the building, one finds himself in a large lobby adorned with the portraits of graduates who have risen to places on the bench. Opening from the spacious transverse corridors, one finds three private offices, six classrooms, and a cloakroom. Ornamentation is reduced to a minimum.

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His hall is of two stories, 132 feet long by 62 feet wide. A large, two-story portico with six white colonial columns and a wrought iron balustrade is the main feature of the front. The floor of this portico is of large, red floor tile. Limestone steps are carried the full width of the portico. The main entrance is on College Street, which provides an entry to the basement smoking room. On the first floor are six commodious lecture rooms beside professors’ offices. The second floor of this elevation has a large, triple arch window and an iron balcony to give the appearance of a secondary front on South Street. Much of the stonework is of white limestone; the facing of the walls of tapestry brick; the main cornice of wood; and the main roof of Vermont slate of variegated colors. Copper is used for all rain spouts, gutters, and the roof of the tower. The second floor contains a library room and assembly room. In the well-lighted basement are a large waiting room, toilet rooms, and a room for the heating apparatus. No law school in the state has a more handsome or more convenient building.

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THE LAW LIBRARY AND ASSEMBLY ROOM

Following the dedication of Trickett Hall, the first meeting of the Association of the Alumni of The Dickinson School of Law was held in the assembly room located across from the library. With a seating capacity of 450 people, flags of the allied nations were displayed around the assembly room. Formal addresses were delivered by Judge Kephart and Judge S. B. Sadler, officers were elected, and a committee on constitution and bylaws was appointed.

The library of the school is well adapted to the needs of the student. Already large—containing possibly 6,000 volumes—it is yearly growing. But very few lawyers in the state have ready access to so large and well-selected a number of textbooks and decisions. A few years ago, a generous gift from the late Mrs. Mary Cooper Allison of Philadelphia made it possible to double the then existing collection, and it has since been largely increased.

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