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November 1, 1917

The faculty met in special session November 1, 1917, with Acting President Boyd presiding. Quorum present.

The Chairman stated that the Council had appointed a committee to draft resolutions in memory of Mr. Joseph Dicker, and that the faculty had been called to hear their report. Professor Anderson, Chairman of the Committee, asked Mr. Grehan to be allowed to read the report.

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After a brief illness, on the evening of October the thirty-first, Joseph Dicker, instructor in the College of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, University of Kentucky, passed to final rest.

Stricken apparently in full possession of exceptional physical vigor, in the very midst of service that has reflected credit upon this institution for more than a quarter of a century - a service that promised even greater usefulness for <sup>many</sup> more years to come, as human estimate of the strength of man is wont to express itself, his passing is the more grievous and his loss the more deeply felt.

Joe Dicker was a manly man. He had implicit faith in humanity, and above all things he believed in young men and women. He sought to the full measure of his ability, both by word and example to impress the important lesson, that he served humanity best who began wholeheartedly the day's work and persevered with singleness of purpose unto its end.

In the quarter of a century of his connection with this University he was an important factor in the training of more than 2000 young men. They are scattered this hour to the ends of the earth. Some have become leaders of men. Others have simply followed; virtually all have been and are successful men, doing men's work in a man's way. They loved Joe Dicker living because he was sincere, because he was loyal to them, because he sought to make potent and useful men of them and to direct them even through the rigor of exacting discipline to higher planes of usefulness. They now revere his memory. Students who knew him best in the years gone by, long after he is dust, will recount in kindly remembrance the virtues of their friend, instructor and counsellor, within the rugged exterior of whose vigorous body beat a heart that throbbed in manly sympathy with all the ambitions and all the heart-burning and all the struggles of youth.

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He was not without fault. No man is, but the most impartial observer sitting in judgement upon his day's work, now come to its close, must accord to Joe Dicker the simple, yet just tribute that real worth extracts from every honest man; he did his duty as the Master gave it to him to see his duty, and answered death's summons without fear from the midst of daily sacrifice and service.

The Faculty of the University, assembled in a memorial session therefore resolves:

That in the passing of Joseph Dicker the University sustains irreparable loss; that this body is called to give up a valuable and useful friend, whose loyalty to the institution, to the student body, to his co-workers in the College of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, and above all to his chief, was at all times a source of inspiration to all who had the good fortune to observe it; that this Faculty does hereby extend to his family and those who were drawn to him by the closer ties of life its sincere sympathy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as a mark of respect all classes in the University be suspended from this time until after the funeral, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the family of Mr. Dicker, to the daily papers, and that it be spread upon the minutes of the Faculty as a testimonial of its esteem.

Signed -

F. Paul Anderson

Alfred M. Peter

C. J. Norwood

Enoch Grehan

D. V. Terrell

T. T. Jones

L. R. Frankel

Committee

On motion of Professor Melcher, the faculty voted to attend the funeral in a body. Mr. Barr was authorized to purchase a floral design.

*Egert Gillis*  
Secretary