

DEDICATION OF THE  
JOHN BULOW CAMPBELL  
SCIENCE HALL

AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE  
DECATUR, GEORGIA

## *Introductory Remarks*

CHAIRMAN GEORGE WINSHIP

*WE WISH to extend a hearty welcome to all who have helped to make this a notable day on our campus.*

*To friends of Agnes Scott, this is an outstanding occasion. We are gathered to dedicate the John Bulow Campbell Science Hall, the largest, most modern, and most valuable building on our campus.*

*It was made possible through the interest and generosity of Mr. Campbell and his family.*

*This important part of the college work has been handicapped with inferior equipment and housing; now, thanks to those who made this building and equipment possible, this department should be second to none.*

*This is the realization of dreams that have been in the hearts of many for a long time.*



JOHN BULOW CAMPBELL

## JOHN BULOW CAMPBELL—THE MAN

*John A. Sibley*

I CONSIDER IT a privilege to speak here today. My talk will be in the nature not of eulogy but of testimony about the life of a friend.

I have had a rather broad acquaintance with men, some of them of unusual endowments and talents. I have had occasion to speak of the character and accomplishments of many of them in terms of sincere admiration.

Yet, in describing the life of John Bulow Campbell, the life that we are here to honor today, I will use some words that I have never used before in describing the quality of other men.

In fact, I will use a vocabulary that is almost obsolete even among the scholarly and the learned.

When have you heard it said of a man that he was God's nobleman, that he possessed that elevation of mind and spirit that we associate with nobility? When have you heard it said of a man that his life was characterized by purity, meaning that he was free from the taint and suggestion of evil? When have you heard it said of a man that he had great natural dignity, meaning that his bearing reflects those innate qualities of mind and soul that command the respect of all?

We are not living or thinking or speaking in such terms today. Our lives and our thoughts are on a different and lower plane and our manner of speech is adjusted to our lives.

But I am glad I knew a man to whose life these great words are appropriate.

I can testify with truth and sincerity that John Bulow Campbell's life was noble, was pure, traits which were reflected in his great dignity of bearing and person.

When I meet a man who has these rare qualities I always want

to know why the difference between such a man and others.

In the case of John Bulow Campbell the answer is simple.

He believed in a living and loving God. He knew that he did not have to walk the pathway of life alone; every step of the way he had the companionship and the guiding hands of the Master. The light of truth revealed in the Holy Word illuminated his pathway.

Now I want to turn to the vocabulary of today in describing the qualities of the men we know. We say that a man is a great success, that he is honest, able, courageous, and constructive; that he is a good citizen. Those are significant and meaningful words. They are the measure or the standard by which we judge men today. They are the vocabulary of the modern man.

Each of those words is applicable to the life of John Bulow Campbell. He had marked success in business, he was able, honest, and constructive. He abhorred things that caused failure to men and institutions, extravagance, waste, and self-indulgence. He required high standards of performance of himself and of others and would countenance nothing less. He was careful, frugal, and industrious.

He had a keen sense of values, material, human and spiritual. I have known many men who had the sense of material values and others who had the sense of human and spiritual values. Seldom have I known the same man who equally understood material, human and spiritual values.

John Bulow Campbell was such a man. He knew the interdependence of material, human and spiritual values. And he knew that to achieve stability and permanence, material values must be sustained and supported by human and spiritual values. Upon the foundation of such qualities his success in life was built.

John Bulow Campbell's philosophy of life, his allegiance to God, his desire to serve his fellowman, led him to consider himself a

trustee of the things he had accumulated and possessed. During his life he administered his affairs as a good trustee, using his talents and his wealth to help institutions and causes that honor God and serve men.

In his Last Will and Testament he made the solemn declaration: *"There is nothing more worthwhile or of more lasting benefit to humanity than the development and preservation of a love for Jesus Christ."*

In that great document he established a trust and foundation that is to be administered in the interest of those causes that honor God and serve man.

Not only religion but public health, education, public welfare are all included within the scope of his benevolences.

Through his life and through the foundation that he created the development of an entire section of the country has been advanced. The arm of the church has been made more far reaching; the standards of education have been improved in our institutions; the suffering of the weak and the helpless has been relieved; the processes that make for new wealth have been stimulated; all these things will continue for years to come and I hope in perpetuity.

Is it not appropriate that this great institution of learning, an institution that has and insists upon the high standards in education, an institution that accepts and recognizes our dependence upon God, should honor the name of John Bulow Campbell by placing that name upon this useful and magnificent structure?

## MR. CAMPBELL AND AGNES SCOTT

*James R. McCain*

IT IS A REAL PLEASURE to have a part in honoring the memory of a friend who meant as much to me as did Mr. Campbell. My first acquaintance with him was thirty-three years ago when I was elected Clerk of the Session of the Decatur Presbyterian Church. I desired some guidance as to how the work ought to be done and was told that Mr. John Bulow Campbell then Clerk of Session for Central Presbyterian Church kept the best minutes in Atlanta Presbytery. He was very gracious in helping me to get started and I was much impressed with the neatness of his work and the thoroughness with which he handled all details.

My first contact with him in educational work was in connection with the merging of Rabun Gap School with Nacoochee Institute. It was known that it would be a difficult task to get these two schools happily merged and it was unanimously agreed by both parties that only Mr. Campbell could serve acceptably as Chairman of the Board. He did a marvelous job in a very complicated situation. Without his leadership, the school would probably not have succeeded so far as we can humanly judge.

When Columbia Theological Seminary was about to be closed in South Carolina or merged with Union in Richmond, it was Mr. Campbell who came to the rescue and almost single-handedly secured the removal to its present site and carried it until Dr. Richards was secured as its president and until he could take charge.

Having seen him accomplishing so much with so little, I asked him to become a Trustee of Agnes Scott College. He agreed with characteristic frankness. He said, "I am not sure that I approve of as much higher education for women as you give, and I will feel free to tell you so if I find this to be the case. Also I cannot give

much time or money until I get Columbia Seminary better established." We were perfectly willing to take him on those terms.

Within a year, he expressed whole-hearted approval of the Agnes Scott program, being especially happy about its religious emphasis. I think the work of Miss Janie McGaughey, one of our Alumnae, for the women of the Church made Mr. Campbell realize that women can advance the Kingdom as much as even preachers.

It was only a short time until he was Chairman of our Finance Committee, and a member of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds. These are our hardest working groups. He could not believe in any cause without giving himself heartily to its support.

He was valuable in many areas of financial management, in the making of the budget, in the financial promotion, and especially in our investment policies. The College had always limited its investments to bonds of a very high order and these paid a low rate of interest. Mr. Campbell convinced the Trustees that the College might well buy a limited number of good common stocks and also some preferred stocks. His judgment has proved to be conservative and also a life-saver during these recent years. He was a fine worker for Agnes Scott and perhaps the largest individual donor the College has ever had. He never gave a dollar except anonymously, wanting always to see the work done, but to keep himself from getting any of the honor or credit. Mr. Campbell was devoted to his home more than most men whom I have known. If there was any chance of his being with his wife and daughter, he would nearly always cut out night meetings so that he could be with his family.

We have felt that the science hall erected in his memory is logical and would be in accord with his wishes. He sought earnestly for trained persons to assist in developing the natural resources of our State. More than once I have heard him say that he would gladly invest a million dollars or more in a good development if the right

person might be secured to operate it. Only a short time before his death he made such a statement in regard to developing Georgia clays.

This building which bears his name has been built with the greatest attention to every detail which will make for good scientific training. The architects were Logan and Williams who went far beyond any contract in working out the details and making changes. The contractor was Barge-Thompson Company, and Mr. Barge, Mr. Pitman Sutton and Mr. North were of great assistance in handling all details and in watching for economy.

It is a satisfaction to us that the Campbell Coal Company, formerly headed by our friend, supplied a great many of the building materials and through Mr. Jackson and his associates subscribed generously for the building.

It is the largest on the campus, containing nearly 6,500,000 cubic feet. It has 77 rooms and is supposed to take care of as many as 1,000 students if need be. It conforms to our Gothic emphasis in other buildings, but you will notice that it is almost a glass house, with large windows extending from column to column. It represents the most advanced thinking in design, construction and in furnishings, with a total investment of approximately \$800,000.

A portrait of Mr. Campbell, painted by Mr. John C. Johansen of New York, will hang opposite the entrance in the main hall. We are delighted to have this though we know that it can never show the real Mr. Campbell. The twinkle of his eye and the warmth of his friendship can never be expressed on a canvas.

The inspiration of his life and of his interest in Agnes Scott will stimulate our best work for generations to come. He was a truly great man. We are honored to have his name associated with Agnes Scott in any way, but particularly in connection with this wonderful building.

## DEDICATORY PRAYER

*Wallace M. Alston*

ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER:

We humbly ask for Thy blessing upon this memorable moment when we dedicate this building to Thy glory and to the service of humanity.

We gratefully acknowledge Thy sovereign leadership in all of the affairs of this College. Through the years Thy providential care has attended Agnes Scott. Thy Hand has guided this institution from earliest beginnings. We are mindful that all we have ever accomplished has been due to Thy living Presence motivating, sustaining and directing us.

We offer our gratitude just now for the life and influence of Thy servant, John Bulow Campbell, for the members of his family, and for those who are continuing his good works through the foundation that bears his name. We thank Thee for the life that he lived, the strength of his Christian convictions, the modesty and kindness of his daily walk with men, and the farsightedness and wisdom of his benefactions.

As we dedicate the John Bulow Campbell Science Building we pray that we may be enabled by Thy Grace to make use of this gift wisely and worthily and to continue the ideals and purposes of Thy servant by a ministry of intelligent helpfulness through generations to come.

With deep gratitude to Thee, O God, we accept this beautiful building as a gift of Thy Bounty and of Thy Love. We dedicate it to the advancement of Thy Kingdom on the Earth. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE BUILDING

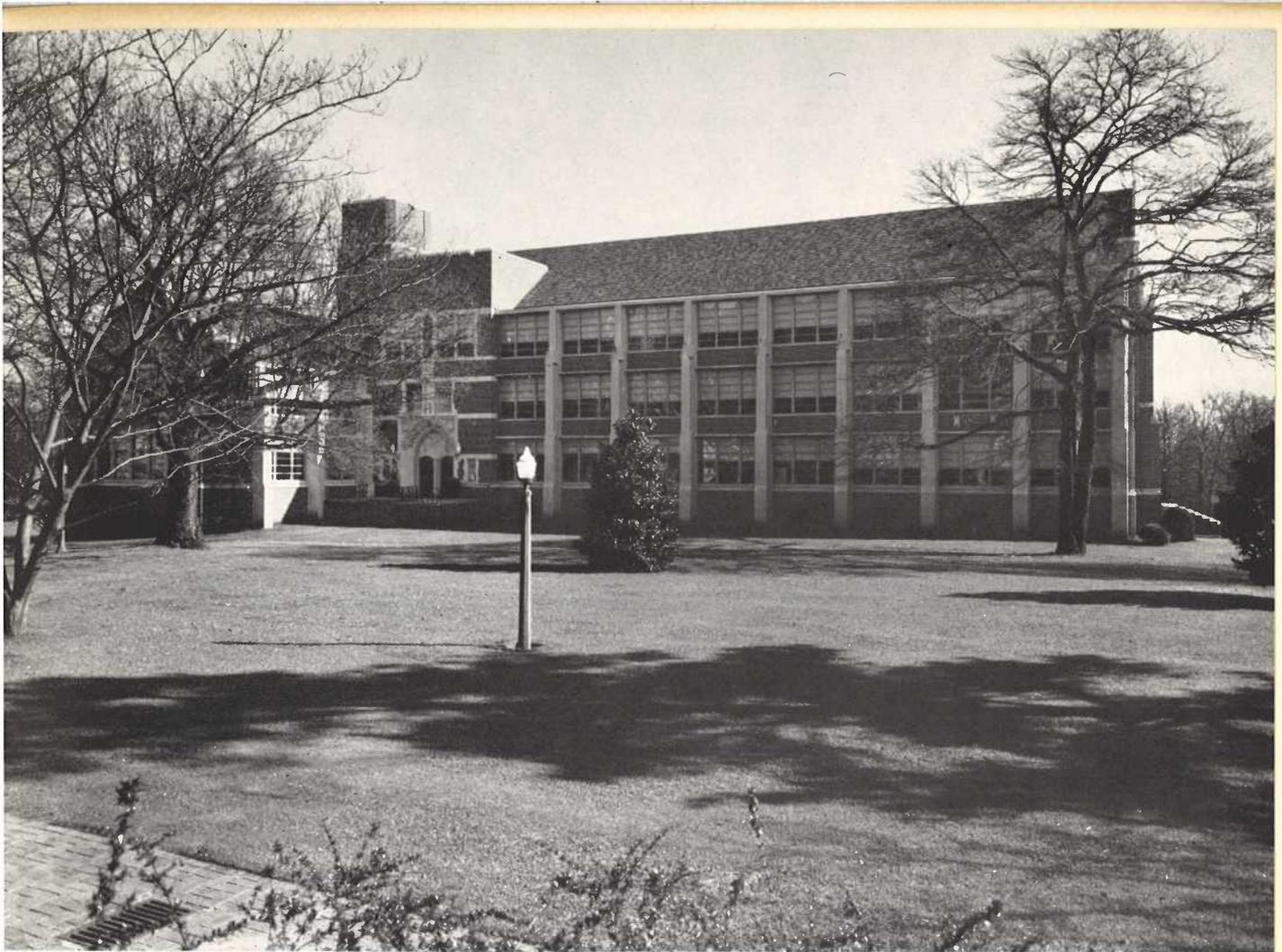
THE JOHN BULOW CAMPBELL SCIENCE HALL is one of the most modern and efficient buildings in the country for the teaching of Science. Only the best and most nearly permanent materials have been used. It is equipped with the latest laboratory installations and supplies. The floors and ceilings are concrete, walls of brick with limestone trim, and the roof of tile.

The building is T-shaped, 188 feet in length and 142 feet at the top of the T. It contains 55,340 square feet of floor area or 6,364,100 cubic feet of space. There are 77 rooms, including a large assembly room, laboratories, lecture rooms, a museum, reading rooms, and offices.

The ground and first floors are used largely for Biology, the second floor for Chemistry, and the third for Physics. It was originally planned to house Astronomy in this building, but a separate observatory has been erected for it.

The exterior design has been treated with honesty and simplicity.





Its Gothic form follows structural requirements and conforms to the style of architecture on the campus. The windows extend to the ceilings and also from column to column, and it is almost a glass house. For night work or dark days, the latest design of fluorescent lighting is used.

The interior has been kept simple in detail and permanent in construction in order to reduce later maintenance cost.

A portrait of Mr. John Bulow Campbell, in whose honor the

building is erected, hangs near the entrance of the main hall on the first floor. An effort has been made to provide a building which may be a worthy memorial to him.

The architects are Logan & Williams, and the contractor is the Barge-Thompson Company. Both of whom, with all their associates, have done a highly satisfactory job.