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FOREWORD

This little book is extracted from lectures given by one of Cornell University's most distinguished and revered scholars, Carl L. Becker, and is mailed to each new faculty member on behalf of the President, Provost and Dean of the University Faculty.

Many years have passed and numerous changes have occurred in our society since this university opened in October 1868, yet the vision and values that Ezra Cornell and Andrew D. White hoped to infuse and inspire in this "new" university continue to influence and guide it. *Diversity, special distinction in scholarship, the library as an indispensable part of a great university, absence of racial, sexual and religious discrimination, non-sectarian character of trustee, faculty and student membership* are but a few of the themes which influenced their thinking and strategies in establishing this institution and are still important today.

We hope you will take the time to read these *extracts* which should help you better to understand Cornell University. We are delighted that you decided to join the faculty and we wish you great success in your teaching, research and scholarship and as an active participant in the affairs of the University.

Jeffrey S. Lehman, President

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