

land will be glad that what we do today makes available to future Americans the story of what we have lived and are living in our lives, and what we are living today, and what we will continue to live during the rest of our lives.

And so I am grateful to all of you for all that you have done.

I think that the ceremonies are now over, except for one very important addition that relates to the future. Under an Act of the Congress of the United States, there was appointed -- authorized to be appointed a Board of Trustees, who will be responsible for this Library from midnight tonight, through the years to come.

I am glad that you have come today, because as I suggested at lunch to some of the Trustees, this is the last chance you have got to see this Library free of charge. (laughter) At midnight tonight the Government of the United States takes over, and they take over through this Board of Trustees, of which Dr. Connor, the Archivist -- the National Archivist of the United States -- is to be the Chairman, and on which will serve ex officio our own neighbor from this County, the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States -- Henry Morgenthau, Jr. (applause)

And incidentally, I have appointed a number of very old friends of mine to serve as additional Trustees: My old law partner, Basil O'Connor from New York (applause); and Frank Walker, who in addition to being a very old friend is also the man who carries your mail (laughter and applause); and Dr. Morison, an old sea-faring friend of mine. (laughter and applause) And now

let us see, who else is there? Oh, I asked him but he couldn't get here today. He was terribly sorry, but he said, quite frankly, that Long Island was cooler than Hyde Park. (laughter) Another old friend, whom you have seen here many times with me -- Harry Hopkins. (applause)

And so -- and so I am asking the first Federal Judge to be appointed from Dutchess County for I don't know how many generations, our old friend Eddie Conger of Poughkeepsie, to step forward when I give out these -- I won't call them diplomas, but they look like diplomas -- to these new Trustees. I am going to ask Federal District Judge Conger to administer the Oath of Office.

(the Oath of Office was then administered to Basil O'Connor, Dr. Morison, and Frank G. Walker)

(the following Benediction was then pronounced by the Reverend Frank R. Wilson, Rector, St. James' Church, Hyde Park, New York)

THE PRESIDENT: Now I hope you will all feel very welcome to come in and see the building and what is in it.

BENEDICTION
BY THE REVEREND FRANK R. WILSON,
RECTOR, ST. JAMES' CHURCH,
HYDE PARK, N. Y.

May the blessing of God Almighty, the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, rest
upon our people and upon all our work done
in His Name. May He give us light to guide
us, courage to support us, and love to unite
us, now and for evermore.

Amen.