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OTTO KIRCHNER

Our beloved Professor Kirchner died on July 27, 1920, at his home in Detroit, Michigan. Since the first of the year he had been in such poor health that his life was despaired of, but early in the summer he had improved so rapidly that he planned to take a vacation in the east. His son Richard G. Kirchner had gone away to make preparations for the trip when he was recalled because of his father’s relapse. Heart trouble with complications was given as the cause of death.

To our class Professor Kirchner was probably one of the most brilliant members of the faculty. He had endeared himself to us and our affection for him had not suffered through the lapse of many years since graduation. This was particularly demonstrated at our Quarter Century Reunion, which he honored by his presence. He had never forgotten our class, in fact he stated at our reunion that he felt closer to us than to any other class which he taught while a member of the faculty. He had a picturesque personality, was learned, a close thinker, intrepid, and, in addition, had a pungent and refined wit.

Professor Kirchner was born in Germany on July 13th, 1846, and from there emigrated with his parents shortly after to Canada. At the age of ten he removed with his parents to Lansing and then to Detroit. His father was an officer in the Civil War. He served as Attorney General of Michigan, received the degree of LL. D. from the University and was generally regarded as the nestor of the Michigan Bar. He was not only active and distinguished as a lawyer, but took a prominent part in civic and religious affairs and in music. He was President of the Detroit General Hospital, the Detroit Symphony Society, the American Society of International Law, the Loyal Legion and the Michigan Political Science Association.

Prof. Kirchner had been married twice and his second wife and three children survive him. He was buried in the family plot in Haverhill, N. H., alongside his parents, pursuant to a request made by him in his lifetime.

'95 QUARTER CENTENNIAL

The '95 Law Quarter Centennial Reunion was held on June 22nd and 23rd. We are informed there were 65 members of the class present. Our President sent the following telegram of congratulations: “Laws '94 send hearty greetings to their brothers, Laws '95, upon their 25th anniversary, with best wishes for a happy, successful, and noisy blow-out. Laws '94 extend cordial invitation to Laws '95 to meet them at their next reunion in 1924. The following is an extract from a letter from William C. Michaels, Secretary of Laws '95, received in response to the same: “Your very happy and cordial telegram of greetings sent to our class arrived at a psychological moment, was delivered right in the midst of our first class meeting, and at once was read by our President amid cheers and brotherly expressions of kindness for yourself and the '94 Law Class. The Class, however, couldn’t accept your kind invitation to meet with them in 1924, but decided to have their next reunion in 1925.

CURTAIN

With this issue the Bulletin closes its first year of existence, and the event is signalized by a four-page issue. Bulletin No. 4 will be issued in January. In the interim the editor welcomes contributions of interest to the class from its members. Send us a line of what you are doing in your home town. Tell us something about your State, your activities, or anything that you think might interest classmates.
There seems to be a tendency in recent years, especially in the principal commercial centers, to choose lawyers as the heads of large corporations and enterprises. In New York City the Presidents of the great corporations, in many if not most cases, were practicing attorneys.

The all-round experience of an attorney in general practice for a number of years equips him not only with a knowledge of law covering a wide range, but, also, what is more important, with a fairly intimate understanding of human nature. Just as the general practice of medicine is of great advantage to the physician who is about to take up a specialty, so, too, the training of a lawyer in the school of general practice is of infinite help to one about to take up the executive administration of large affairs. A law school education alone has been found to be a fine preparation for entering almost any line of commercial life.

The writer is often asked "How many of our class have chosen other fields of endeavor?" It may be of interest to know that the Law Class of '94 has an unusually large proportion still following the practice of the law, when compared with other classes. It was said by one of the members of our law school faculty, who himself was a graduate of the law school, that only 50% of his class were practicing after a lapse of ten years after graduation. From statistics gathered during the past year, we find that after twenty-five years of graduation more than 64% of our class alive are practicing law. There are 245 graduates active to-day.

The occupations are distributed as follows: Law 158, Businessmen and Manufacturers 38, Real Estate, Loans, and Insurance 13, Farmers, Ranchmen, and Fruit Growers 13, Bankers 3, Advertising 3, Physicians 3, Dentist 1, U. S. Army Officers 2, Educational 3, Assayer 1, Retired 3, Editorial 2, Mining 1, Electrician 1.

Our own Judge Tuttle, who was with us during our Junior Year, acted as toastmaster of the '95 Law Reunion. In calling upon one of the two law co-eds who was present and whose husband is an army officer, he said that even if her husband did not have a commission, it was a brave man who married a lawyer.

We, too, can boast of two girl members in our class. Lulu Richardson (Mrs. Kelby) is the beautiful wife of New York Supreme Court Justice Kelby, mother of two children, and active in social and civic affairs of Brooklyn. Emma Eaton (Mrs. White) is the wife of Edward Franklin White, and has a daughter. She is engaged as a legal editor of the Bobbs-Merrill Co., Indianapolis, Indiana; she is also active in civic affairs.

Obituary

Classmate Harvey K. Clock died on March 24th, at his home town, Huron, Ohio, and is buried in his birthplace, Monroeville, Ohio. His sister writes as follows:

"After leaving Ann Arbor he located in Toledo for a few years, returning to Amherst where he purchased the Amherst Reporter, a newspaper he formerly owned. He edited the paper until 1916, when he was forced by ill health to relinquish active work and disposed of the paper. He then came for three years to Huron and lived with my brother and myself until the time of his death. His ailment was paralysis and he was helpless for several months before his death. He left a wife and son. He never forgot his school days in Ann Arbor and I have often heard him speak of his classmates that he remembered."
ONLY THIS YEAR'S "DUES TO PAY"

There will be no further "dues" during the present class administration, by resolution of the class council, until the next reunion in 1924. Quite a number of the members of the class have not paid their "dues." We are enclosing duplicate statement to such, issued by the Treasurer, and request that the delinquents remit promptly. You will have to pay only this year's "dues," at any rate not any more for the next four years, and there is no reason why every member should not contribute this little mite to the support of our class organization. Law '95 has imposed a tax of $10 on each of its members - ours is only $5.

HOT AFTER PROFITEERS

Classmate Judge Howe, U. S. District Judge for Vermont, sitting in Syracuse last winter imposed a fine of $45,000 on a prominent dry goods concern, a corporation, for profiteering. Recently sitting in the Federal Court in New York City, he sentenced an east side grocer for two years to the penitentiary for profiteering in sugar. In the course of imposing the sentence he expressed regret that the law does not permit him to give jail sentences to corporations. It is said that the above jail sentence is the first imposed which does not have the dollar mark, under the Lever Act.

THE DIRECTORY

About the first of the year we expect to send a class directory to each surviving member of the class and faculty of whom we have an address. We are still without the addresses of the following: Anderson, Richard; Blythe, Milton D.; Chatterson, Leslie H.; Evans, George M.; Harris, Joseph A.; McKnight, Charles A.; Root, Hugh E.; Toulouse, Charles H.

ECHOES FROM SEATTLE

Dear Mr. Editor:

My disappointment was very keen at not being able to attend the reunion at Ann Arbor.

I want you to know that we have a little institution here of something over 5,000 students on a four-hundred-acre campus that does its part also toward spreading enlightenment. Our students have now broken ground for a $500,000 stadium on the campus here and we are all supposed to give it a financial boost and they have now got me on a committee to try to emulate our Michigan mother in the matter of building a Union.

The Bulletin is certainly a fine proposition and I am sure I shall enjoy reading it regularly if it reaches me. I have just finished a term of two years as president of our Seattle-Michigan association. Nominally we have some 350 members and we had some good times before the war.

Seattle, University of Washington,
May 10, 1920.

HERBERT T. CONDON.
THE BULLETIN

ECHOES FROM GEORGE GLEIM'S HOME TOWN

STICKLERS FOR CONVENTION
(From the Ottawa, Ill., Republican-Times.)
The bride wore a suit of French blue peach bloom and her bridesmaid also wore a suit.

ECHOES FROM WALTER KIRK'S HOME TOWN

WELL, WELL, WELL!
(From Peoria Star)
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Woolner are the proud parents of a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hasberg in New York City Monday.

NEWS FROM CLASSMATES

Classmate Judge Hervey, a prominent figure in the financial world on the Pacific coast, has had a flattering offer of the Vice Presidency of one of the large financial corporations in New York City. He is at present Vice President and Counsel of the Los Angeles Trust & Savings Bank.

Raymond M. Ferguson has removed from Grand Rapids to Toledo and is engaged in a cement enterprise.

George J. Genebach was elected President of the U. of M. Club of Battle Creek, Michigan.

Ralph Hartzell is spending the summer in Washington on special work. He is very active in Alumni affairs in the Rocky Mountain section, being an Ex-President and now one of the Directors of the Rocky Mountain Alumni Association.

Arthur Brown was very ill during the past winter undergoing several operations. We are glad to report that he is convalescent.

James M. Taylor abandoned teaching to engage actively in managing his farm near Kansas City.

William B. Locke is now with Swift & Co. in Cleveland, Ohio.

Daniel H. Grady of Portage writes: "I am glad to advise you that Dr. Minahan is very much alive. He left the law practice after graduation. He has for many years been associated with his brother Dr. John P. Minahan of Green Bay. They are the leaders in their profession in that part of the state. Dr. Robert has been Mayor of Green Bay. His son Eben, who was about twelve years old when we were at Ann Arbor, is practicing law with Victor E. and Hugh A. Minahan. They enjoy a very large and lucrative practice."

Rex R. Case is at present publicity manager for the Sun and New York Herald.

Arthur F. Sheldon, one of the Quizmasters during our Junior year, is the head of the Sheldon School, 36 So. State Street, Chicago.

O. E. Scott and H. A. Minahan write that they will be at the thirtieth reunion four years hence.

F. E. Chamberlain and his wife attended the Shriners' Convention this summer on their silver wedding trip. He writes: "That is a long time for a woman to live with me and speaks volumes for Mrs. Chamberlain's patience and forbearance. We had a splendid time and visited some of our old Manistee friends in Michigan."

V. A. Powell's temporary address for he summer is Hermosa Beach, California.

B. F. Wollman is spending his vacation in Europe.

Harry H. Patterson motored with his friends to Alaska this summer.

Walter C. Hartman was one of the competitors last August at the Bretton Woods Gun Club Shoot and a guest at the Mt. Washington at Bretton Woods, N. H.