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THE BULLETIN

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LOS ANGELES CLASSMATES MEET

Remoteness does not dampen the class ardor of '94 Laws. If anything, it seems to intensify it, if local gatherings are an index. New York City, some time ago, had its '94 Laws around the banquet table, and now Los Angeles '94 Laws, at the other end of the continent, staged a celebration, at noon of Wednesday, June 24th, 1925, at the University Club, in Los Angeles. Our old friend "Walt" Hartman, always an enthusiastic '94 Law, and the "tenderfoot" of classmates who have located on the Pacific coast, was the genial host. He was the ideal boy to do it. Hailing from the grand old town of Detroit, "suburb of Ann Arbor," and having attended the two big class reunions, in 1919 and 1924, respectively, he was in a position to hand out and pass along the "thrills and throbs" of those famous record breaking events.

The men assembled in the lobby of the club, before going into one of the private banquet rooms where the lunch was served; it was an interesting sight to watch them trying to identify one another as each arrived, nearly all not having met since graduation, thirty-one years ago. All reserve, however, quickly evanesced, like vapor, in the atmosphere of warm fellowship and renewed friendship, such as only a gathering of '94 Laws can bring about. An original photograph of those who attended our 30th year class reunion, last year, was passed around, and evoked many comments and anecdotes as the faces were scrutinized. Then the boys were each called upon to tell what he had been doing since law school days. Pages out of the book of life! Only those who have attended our reunions, where the above proceeding is part of the regular program, can form an idea of the intellectual, sympathetic and emotional interest that these talks excite. The whole happy occasion passed off too quickly. And as parting time came, each expressed the earnest wish that the boys meet soon again and often.

Those present were: Fred W. Ashton, Benjamin F. Friend, Raymond M. Ferguson, Clifton D. Gordon, George Halverson, Walter C. Hartman and Frank A. Rockhold. Regrets were received from others who were unavoidably prevented from being on hand.

REVERIES AND THRILLS

By W. P. HARVEY

A journey back to Ann Arbor, in retrospect, seemed to be a commonplace affair; but it proved to be far from that. It was, again, October, 1892; in the dusk of an Autumn day, I was riding up hilly State Street, on top of my old trunk, transported by a one-horse dray. In the evening, a freshman who had been on the ground for a day or two proudly piloted me through the campus; it was a moonlight night, and as we walked by the home of President Angell, I looked upon the spot as holy ground.

With the familiar scenes there came back to me for a while faces of those I have long lost. I sat by Rector, my lecture room seat-mate, of whom I have not heard for thirty years. Once more, I saw Oliver, with his broad shoulders and strong voice urging the righteousness of his cause. In one of the S. C. A. rooms, I met quaint Fisk, just at the close of prayers. At the entrance of the Law Building, Hervey came rushing up to get a letter from his California girl, which I had received and opened by mistake. All the Harris's from Utah were there—it was mighty good to see them. Landman, my law partner in the moot court, was on hand with a hearty welcome! In the midst of the bunch, there was old "Commodore" Wingert, from Hagerstown, Maryland, who died at Christmas time the second year.

Professor Trueblood, about the only surviving member of the faculty, besides Professors Mechem and Johnson, passed by, and, once more, I thought of his terrific task when he undertook to limber up us farmer boys. Our hands uplifted in those gesture exercises made me think of young hams. And then I saw dear old "Griff" smile once. Perhaps some of you missed it. In June of '93, the World's Fair year, he paused and looked over the lecture room and said: "boys, I wish you all a good time at the Fair and with the fair." As he turned and walked off the platform, he smiled. I saw it. And how the boys cheered!

I walked again across the platform in old University Hall, as thousands had done before, and carried away a parchment roll. The next day, I knew not what to do or where to go.

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The Bulletin is issued, throughout the year, in February, June and October.

We are glad to note that living in great and populous cities does not kill class spirit or make one forget the class-room friends of college days. Yet, we have still to hear from Chicago and Detroit, where a large number of our classmates are domiciled. Who will take the initiative and which will be the next City for a celebration?

In looking over the reports in the *Alumnus* of the reunions held last June of classes twenty or more years out we found that not any came anywhere near the mark of attendance of our 30th year reunion last year. Even the 30th year reunion of our Juniors, Law '95, fell very far below the number of attendants at our own. We had 106 present at our 30th year reunion.

There are a number of post-card questionnaires still outstanding, which fact, in a measure, is responsible for delay in the publication of our forthcoming class directory. We hope classmates will make new efforts in co-operating with us in the task of getting in the above.

COMMENDATORY RECCGNITION

(From the Manila Bulletin)

The decision of Governor General Wood to recommend to President Coolidge the appointment of Associate Justice E. Finley Johnson as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is naught but commendatory recognition on the part of the chief executive of the acting Chief Justice's long and meritorious career; and upon this very ample ground the Bulletin gladly joins in approval of the Governor General's action—by which, no doubt, the President will be guided. Recommendation by the Governor General is tantamount to appointment when the White House and the Senate are in accord; Justice Johnson is, therefore, assured, of rounding out a long and arduous career as the nominal and actual head of our highest tribunal, a tribunal he has honored and exalted for nearly a quarter of a century, a tribunal whose history is quite largely the history of his own judicial work.

Justice Johnson has not only displayed great talent on the bench, and profound erudition, more notably

what legal minds term the literature of the law, but he has always worked indefatigably at the routine labor of the court. He has begun his day as early as a day laborer, and kept at it long after the workman's union hours were over. Not alone in this, he has been at it longest, and the court keeps well up with its docket. As acting Chief Justice he has shown himself able to keep the court abreast of an increasing volume of business. We remark with satisfaction that Filipino leaders, perhaps naturally jealous of the position of Filipino jurists on the court and the worthy aspirations of brilliant men of the local bar, seem not to have interposed objection to the elevation of Justice Johnson to the central seat of honor for the brief period which it is contemplated he will remain there.

And now we would review the future for a moment, so as definitely to catalogue this appointment where it belongs and as the Governor General himself defines the recommendation. It must and should be an exception to a rule otherwise kept forever hard and fast, or at least only broken when there shall be no less an occasion to do so. The chief justiceship should not be even a remote ambition of any Justice; by all means the court should be kept free, as it has been, of the inevitable consequences of promotion ambitions; for nothing could undermine its efficiency, even its integrity, more quickly. Besides, and this without the slightest reflection upon the qualifications of others trained in a different school, for a long time yet to come the majority of the court should remain American. It is essential that the American view of what is law shall prevail; among the younger generation sensing this, there are not as yet the natural talents the highest bench requires. Justice Johnson's case is similar to that of Justice White of the United States court; after a long career as an Associate Justice, White was made Chief Justice. But his is almost the only case of the sort, and indeed the only one our lay mind now recalls. All the other Chief Justices were named from the bar, not the bench—certainly one of the best and safest precedents a democracy ever set, and one most dangerous to infringe upon.

A MYSTERY SOLVED

Inquiring Friend: "Why must a judge look so impassive?"

His Honor: "If you show any signs of interest in a lawyer's argument he'll never stop."

—Louisville Courier-Journal.

REVERIES AND THRILLS

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I strayed back to a Michigan wheat field and the thing seemed to be over!

In June, 1925, I sat in the South bleacher at Ferry Field. The long column of graduates, nineteen hundred, headed by the University Band, marched in. I was glad. The prayer that day fell upon me like a benediction. The address took me to many fields near and far. Of course, I was interested. Then the graduates, like thousands before them, marched by and each received a parchment roll. I sat on the edge of the seat. It was not a football game, with an even score, three downs and only one yard to go. Oh, no, not that! Just a slip of a girl, with blue eyes and sunny hair, stepping up to receive her parchment roll—CATHERINE E. HARVEY. It was the thrill of thirty-one years.

I hope to meet all the boys at our next re-union.

OUR NEW PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Clarence Cook Little has been chosen the successor of the late Dr. Marion L. Burton, as president of the University of Michigan, and enters upon the performance of his new duties with the opening of the fall term. Dr. Little was born on October 6th, 1888, in Brookline, Mass., so that he is one of the youngest of college presidents, not having quite reached the age of 37 years. Besides his scholastic and administrative activities, he was during the late war, successively, a student at the Plattsburgh, N. Y. Military Camp, Captain, Aviation, Sect., R. C., and Major, Adj. Gen.'s Dept. He has been largely engaged in research work, in genetics, eugenics, comparative pathology, cancer, biology, zoology and evolution, and is a Fellow of the Academy of Medicine. At the time of his appointment to the presidency of Michigan, he was president of the University of Maine. He is an Episcopalian.

The New York Times, in an editorial about him, published in its issue of August 22, 1925, has this to say:

"It is gratifying to note that two of the great universities, Michigan and Chicago, have chosen as presidents men of exact scholarship—one a man of proved administrative ability also, and the other of a turn for practical affairs, but primarily a scientist of the purest type. The former, Dr. Clarence C. Little, the new president of the University of

Michigan, a graduate of Harvard and a graduate student in science, conducted researches in genetics for many years and became assistant director of the Carnegie institution for experimental evolution before he accepted the presidency of the University of Maine. His success there gives promise that the University of Michigan will have not only a competent administrator, but also a scholar who has gone out to the verge of human knowledge in at least one sector of the great field, and is able to appreciate the problems of every other sector, for the method of advance must be the same, whether one use a microscope, a telescope, a retort, a syllogism or an algebraic equation."

CLASS ITEMS

George J. Genebach is President of the Chamber of Commerce of Battle Creek, Michigan.

James Jay Sheridan, of Chicago, is in general practice at 11 South La Salle Street, he having moved, on April 1st, from his former address on that Street. His associate in the practice is Walter F. Heineman.

F. W. Ashton, is attorney and counsel for the Janss Investment Co., of Los Angeles, Cali. He has been a resident of that city for the past two years.

Col. Dennis P. Quinlan, now stationed in New Orleans, La., Judge Advocate General's Department, U. S. A., received the degree of bachelor of laws *causa honoris*, as of the class of '94 Law, at the commencement in June. Classmate Quinlan was obliged to leave us in our senior year, on account of the death of his father, and did not graduate with us.

S. M. Schall, besides having a busy law practice, has been successful in real estate investments in one of the additions to Chicago.

John J. Ingle now resides at 1205 Alameda Drive, Coronado, Cali.

Benjamin F. Friend, of Los Angeles, Cali., represents Butler Bros., of New York and Chicago. He is still a bachelor.

The class baby, Doris Irwin, daughter of classmate S. P. Irwin, is now welfare worker at the Leake & Watts Orphan House, in Yonkers, N. Y.

I. W. Durfee has removed from Chicago, to Portland, Oregon, and has an office in the Gasco Bldg., in that city. He is interested in public utility corporations in that city.

U. G. Denman's new firm is Denman, Wilson Miller & Wall, of Toledo, O., in the Second Nat. Bank Bldg.

B. F. Wollman is a member of the Stock Exchange of New York City. His office is at number 120 Broadway, in that city.

T. G. Crothers, who is 3rd Vice President and General Counsel of the Western States Life Insurance Co., of San Francisco, California, reports that the company had written over \$2,400,000 new insurance during 1924.

Walter C. Hartman has formed the firm of W. C. Hartman & Co., engaged in investments and bonds, in Los Angeles.

Hugh Minahan, is practising law in Green Bay, Wis., and has associated with him a son of classmate Dr. Robt. E. Minahan, brother of Hugh.

Arthur Brown writes, "I expect to attend the re-unions in '29 and '34: after that I am making no claims."

Raymond M. Ferguson lives in Glendale, Cali. He makes a specialty of writing briefs, and his office is at 117 N. Broadway, Los Angeles.

Florida now being prominently in the eye of the public, many classmates visit that state, but only to recuperate, in the winter. Chas. A. Denison has a permanent winter home there, in West Palm Beach. Last winter Judge Kuhn with his family stopped at the Breakers, in Palm Beach, and they lost all their baggage in the fire of that hotel. W. H. L. McCourtie was at Orlando, where his racers were in training for the spring season. Dennis B. Hayes met him there.

V. C. Coltrane's son Wesley graduated from the Harvard business school. He is employed here by the Farmer's Loan & Trust Co., of New York City, and paid us a visit. He reports that his father is well and prosperous.

Clifton D. Gordon now resides in Los Angeles and is with the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

George E. Leonard is in the real estate business in Kansas City, Mo. He has four boys and a girl. He is an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

John H. Hassinger and his brother maintain a fine lumber plant in Abingdon, Va. They have installed the latest machinery for making fine flooring.

Daniel A. Edwards, of Washington, D. C., was appointed foreman of the new grand jury by Justice Bailey in the criminal court in that city. He is a former president of the Board of Education.

George Halverson, formerly of Ogden, Utah, has been practicing law in Los Angeles, for the past two years. His office is in the Citizen's Nat. Bank Bldg.

Judge A. G. Burr, of Rugby, N. D., was a member of the Judiciary Committee of the Presbyterian General Assembly, which met in Columbus in May, and read the resolution to that body censuring the New York Presbytery.

Frank A. Rockhold is retired and has been living in Los Angeles, for the last four years. He is still interested, however, in his law firm in Chicago.

We have had pleasant visits from Judge Kuhn, who was here on business, and from Oreon E. Scott, who saw his family off for Europe last Spring.

Van Voorhis Powell has removed to 328 West 3rd Street, Long Beach, Cali.

Judge J. C. Travis was elected a Director of the Alumni Association, 4th District.

Frank Crozier now resides at 4060 Alameda Drive, San Diego, Cali.

H. C. Mehan, of Roy, Wash., is still engaged in the poultry raising business. He writes: "I expect to attend the next reunion. Roy is 20 miles south of Tacoma, and I would be pleased to have any '94 Law visit us when in this section."

William P. Harvey, of Benton Harbor, Mich., has been a member of the firm of Gore & Harvey for 30 years. Mr. Gore is one of the Regents of the university.