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CLASS SPIRIT

BY PRESIDENT BURTON

I shall not, by any means, attempt to define class spirit. I look upon it, however, as one of those things about the University which is most permanent. Now in particular, we see old landmarks passing. The campus of all places in the world illustrates the Heraclitian doctrine that all things are transitory. But class spirit is one of those things that survives the fate that overtakes men and their work. Our affection for those who have lived with us, worked with us, played with us, and shared the good things of Alma Mater with us is an eternal possession. It is a thing to be cherished and cultivated and prized, and when all the classes have class spirit and all these class spirits have united in a University spirit, then may we truly boast a University and a University body greater than any that ever went before.

ON TO ANN ARBOR IN JUNE, 1924

BY HON. A. A. PARTLOW

Thirty-one years ago this fall, the '94 Law Class entered the University of Michigan. We came from thirty-four states and two foreign countries. Most of us were strangers. We soon became acquainted, formed many warm friendships, and passed two of the happiest years of our lives. Twenty-nine years ago last June, two hundred and seventy-nine of us graduated. Twenty-seven years later, two hundred and thirty-nine of us were living, and one hundred and forty-five were engaged in the law business. Most of us have been successful in our life work, and many have brought credit and honor to themselves and to the institution from which they graduated. Three reunions have been held. The first was in 1912, with twenty present. The second was in 1914, with thirty present. The third was on the twenty-fifth anniversary, in 1919, and sixty-five or more were present. The fourth will be in June, 1924, in cele-

bration of our thirtieth anniversary.

We have all passed the meridian of life and have started on the homeward journey. We know not how long that journey may be. It may cover many years and it may be but a few days. We are sure we will not have the opportunity to attend many more reunions of our old law class. Most of us are busy men, with our days full of business activities; but let us set apart a few days in June, 1924, when we will travel back to old Ann Arbor, renew the friendships of thirty years ago and live over the scenes when we were preparing ourselves to enter the activities of life. By so doing we may possibly renew our youth and add a few years to our lives. Let our slogan be—"ON TO ANN ARBOR IN JUNE, 1924."

THE GLAD HAND TO THEM!

Two classmates who were listed under "whereabouts unknown" by our secretaries ever since graduation have been located. Singularly, they both reside in Los Angeles, California. How we found them would alone furnish an interesting story.

After seeking him all over the state of Texas for years—we had some early information that immediately after graduation he located in some city in that state—we find Leslie H. Chatterson, prosperous and successful, president of the Southern California Investment Co., with an office in the Pacific Mutual Building, in Los Angeles, California. The company is engaged in extensive operations throughout southern California.

The other newly located classmate is Hugh E. Root. In a letter written to a classmate, from the Southern California Edison Company office, in Los Angeles, California, he states:

"It has been so long ago that I had forgotten that I had ever received a legal education. Finding that I was totally unfit as a lawyer, and following the traditions of my family, I acquired an engineering education, came to the coast some sixteen years ago, and have been more or less suc-

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WANTED, CLASS NEWS!

Do not fail to send news about yourself, or about other classmates coming to your notice. Hang your modesty—in this instance! And do not assume that such news will get to us anyhow. It does not in nine cases out of ten. Should you send any uncomplimentary news? Well, we do not think a '94 Law capable of an unworthy act. At any rate, if such reached us, we should probably follow the example of the ambitious small boy examined in ancient history. When it came to the question "Who was Caligula?" all that he could remember was something unsavory about the tyrant, so he wrote, "The less said, the better."

MAIL

The Chicago Post Office returned the contents of an envelope mailed with others last May, separated from the envelope—evidently through rough handling. That means that some one did not receive his Bulletin. He, and any others who may not have received theirs, will be supplied, upon notice to us.

Letters, not infrequently, are returned by the Post Office Department because of failure of classmates to file their new addresses upon removal. Kindly notify us of any change of address.

CLASS TAX ARREARS

There are still a number of tardy ones who have failed to send their class tax. To make it convenient in remitting, we enclosed with the May Bulletin to each one in arrears a stamped and addressed return envelope, which expense was an additional draft upon our treasury. Come, be a sport, and mail immediately your tax—only \$5, for five years, expiring next June.

THAT FLOUR EPISODE

Of all the college antics during our term at law school, perhaps the one that has left its impress most lastingly upon our memories was the unloosening by the "Laws" of the little sacks of flour, from the balcony of the old University Hall, upon the heads of the "Lits" below, on the occasion of the visit by the legislature to Ann Arbor in the spring of 1893 in furtherance of the campaign for the increased mill-tax.

The legislature and invited guests, together with the whole faculty, President Angell presiding, had gathered upon the rostrum. The ceremonies were about to begin, when, quietly and without warning, sacks of flour, opened at one end, were thrown over the rail of the balcony, on their way filling the atmosphere with a cloud, and covering the clothes of the "Lits" below with a fine sprinkle of powder. It may be stated that the above was in retaliation for the throwing of handfuls of beans by the "Lits" from the balcony upon the "Laws" on the occasion of the latter's annual Washington's birthday celebration a short time before.

Judging from the quantity of flour thrown, the proceeding had a strong backing, although largely engineered by the '93 Laws. We do not now recall what punishment was meted out to the students. It seemed at that time as if there could be but one result—the expulsion of the entire law school. Nothing so serious happened, however. Possibly, a few ring leaders were suspended or expelled.

Civilization has long tried to keep the unruly in order by fear of pain, without much success. Penological practice for college infractions also has undergone a chance. It is only recently that President Burton ordered the suspension of certain university diversions as a punishment for bad collective conduct on the occasion of the annual "swing-out." This form of punishment has recently been followed by the Yale authorities, threatening to call off the annual freshman boat race between Yale and Harvard unless the Yale freshmen who started the trouble of a riot against the local police came forward, confessed and took their medicine—which they eventually did.

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SUCCESS

A classmate recently wrote: "I did hope that Providence would finally reward an honest, persistent and wisely directed effort with success; but, like her creatures, she seems determined to lavish her gifts and affections where she will. Perhaps, you ought not to send the Bulletin telling of the success of all the rest. It makes me feel—well, never mind how. Oh, yes, I sure am glad that they have succeeded. Anyway, tomorrow the sun may shine, the birds may sing and the flowers may look beautiful. Yes, I am always glad to get the Bulletin. How I would like to see you all." And then, the following day, he added: "Yep! In the early morning twilight a robin sang, later the sun shone, the orchard is in blossom, dark green alfalfa is waving—oh, well, even the paths of glory lead to the grave."

Success in life, in our opinion, is not alone acquisition of titles, position or wealth, but real service, whether high or low, to the world or humanity, of which we know our correspondent contributes his share. To him, as well as to others like him who do not come to our notice, we accord consideration and render homage here. What is public recognition, after all! Are not the words of Hawthorne as true as ever: "It is a good lesson, though often it may be a hard one, for a man who has dreamed fame and of making for himself a rank among the world's dignitaries, to step aside out of the narrow circle in which his claims are recognized and to find how utterly devoid of significance beyond that circle is all that he achieves and all he aims at."

A GOLDEN REUNION

We, who have held our silver reunion, naturally were interested to read the inspiring account, in the Michigan Alumnus, of the golden reunion of the '73 Laws held last June, and to view with admiration and pride the photo-reproduction of the venerable group of survivors of that class who faced the camera. We doubt if any university can show the same class spirit among the graduates of its professional departments. Year after year, "laws" and "medics," as class organizations, whose members have reached the three and a half or four score years, return to Ann Ar-

bor, to live over again the days of their youth.

About one-half of the survivors of that class were on hand. They came from points as far away as Kansas, Nebraska, Tennessee and Wyoming.

OBITUARY

We have just learned of the death of Ned Abercrombie over a year ago, at Rushville, Indiana, having been run over by an interurban electric car and killed instantly, in that city.

Ned Abercrombie was born in Rushville, attended Hanover College and then took the junior law course in Depaw University before he entered the law school in Ann Arbor. He was a member of our Indiana Club Court. He left surviving him a wife and child.

CRUDE BUT CLEAR

(A classmate recommended another classmate, a lawyer in a distant city, to a farmer friend of the former; the lawyer received the following letter from the farmer.)

"Dear Mr.....

You Have Bin Recommended to Me By Mr.....; Of This place; I Now Have Two Small Claimes Agince A Party In Your City I Want To Know If You Would Take Care Of Same For Me If I Would Go Fifty Fifty With You.

One Would Amount \$107.50 and The Other Is To Amount Of \$45.00 All Agence The Same Party I Now Hold Legle Papers Whitch Would Make Same Easey, For Adjustment; If You Can Take Care Of This Matter For Me Please Notfie Me And I Will Send The Papers To You

Would Be Pleased To Hear From You At Any Early Date

Yours Respt.

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CLASS ITEMS

Robert S. Parks, of Chardon, Ohio, was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Geauga County, for the full term of two years, having at the time served one year by appointment to fill a vacancy. He writes: "It is, indeed, a pleasure to find one's old classmates' names scattered throughout the Bulletin and to know that they are still working. I am hoping to be able to attend the next reunion, which, as I understand it, will be in 1924."

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Torazo Kikuchi has removed his office from 1 Balfour Road, to 24

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Nanking Road, Shanghai, China; his home address is 104 Szechuen Road, in said city. Added to the official signature of the American Consul General (Edwin S. Cunningham), to a letter received in answer to the Secretary's letter of inquiry as to Kikuchi's new address, there appeared the unofficial note '93 Law. I remember you quite well."

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William H. L. McCourtie, as President of the Trinity Portland Cement Company, of Dallas, Texas, is adding another large plant to his company's equipment, in Fort Worth, Texas. McCourtie's avocation is not only racing horses, but also breeding them. In addition to his famous former champion half-mile star, Herbelwyn, he has bred five other well-known trotters, among them the two-year-old colt Mr. Elwyn, who has recently caused a sensation in racing circles.

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J. Monroe Mohney, of Edison, Nebraska, is Cashier of the Bank of Edison. A recent statement issued by the bank shows it to be in a most prosperous condition, in no small measure due to the enterprise of Mohney.

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Augustus A. Partlow, Circuit Judge, 5th Judicial Circuit, was appointed by the Supreme Court of Illinois one of the Judges of the Appellate Court of the 2nd District, Illinois, a merited recognition of his fine work on the circuit.

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Delbert M. Bader, of Cleveland, Ohio, writes: "I notice that a reunion will be held next year. You bet I will be on the job. We took our son to Ann Arbor for the purpose of giving him an inspiration, and let me assure you we accomplished the desired end. We expect to enter him in the literary department, in the fall, which he will attend at least two years and then he intends to take the law course."

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Ralph Hartzell, in practice in Denver, Colo., represents a number of oil interests.

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John J. Kiley, formerly of Monroe, Mich., now located in Detroit, has changed his address from 506 1/2 Concord Avenue to 2164 Concord Avenue, Detroit.

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William J. Landman, of Grand

Rapids, Michigan, has a son now at the University, who will enter the law department next year.

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J. H. Miller is now located in Canton, N. Y., where he is Superintendent of Schools. He practiced law up to 1916, in Marathon and in Syracuse, N. Y., and then took a school principalship in Milford, N. Y. His wife died in April. His daughter graduated from the School of Music, Syracuse University, and his son is a freshman in St. Lawrence University. Miller intends to be at the reunion next year.

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We are informed that Clifton D. Gordon left Detroit and has located somewhere in California. Can any one furnish us with his street and city address?

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The Dean of the law school, Henry M. Bates, writes: "I am obliged to you for sending to me a copy of your class Bulletin, of May, 1923. It mentions a number of men whom I happen to know personally, about whom I was glad to have late news. You are doing a great deal for your class and that all helps the general cause."

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Gordon N. Kimball, formerly Lieutenant Colonel, is now a Colonel, U. S. A., having recently received his promotion. He is at present stationed at headquarters, 9th Corps Area, Presidio, California.

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Edwin W. Sims removed his offices to 230 S. Clark Street, Chicago. He was one of a committee of Chicago citizens who greeted Governor Smith, of New York, possible candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, in Chicago, on his way to French Lick Springs, this past summer.

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We have had visits, during the past summer, from Thomas W. Day, Walter C. Hartman and Franz C. Kuhn.

The Glad Hand to Them !

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cessful along those lines. I spent two years in the army during the late unpleasantness, as a captain of engineers, got mussed up quite a bit, received the two highest medals possible, and now am back in the game again, somewhat broken, but still trying to carry on. Am single, just fairly prosperous, and, up to this time, have kept out of jail."