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THE BULLETIN

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This Bulletin is the message of the class officers to all surviving '94 Laws. Please acknowledge its receipt and tell us how you are and anything else of interest. We want news of all of you to spread around for you have no idea how eagerly and with what interest the Bulletin is received.

Oreon E. Scott '94 Law Class President

Our Class President has been highly honored by "AN APPRECIATION," appearing in a recent issue of THE CHRISTIAN-EVANGELIST, the national weekly of the Disciples of Christ. It is an expression of appreciation of a man's worth, by his fellows, while he is yet alive and active. It must be a source of extreme gratification to one to be so honored, for few men live long enough to receive recognition on this earth for the good works they may have accomplished here.

In describing Scott's career as a business man and a Christian, his expert financing on behalf of the church, as well as his private philanthropies, this APPRECIATION says:

"WHEN DOES HE SLEEP? The great clock atop the Scott Building in the busiest section of downtown St. Louis, Missouri, tells off the hours of day and night, but beneath, in the spacious real estate office of Oreon E. and R. G. Scott, the senior partner disregards both clock and calendar in allotting working hours to himself. For him, when the day is done it is really just begun. The lights never seem to go out above the desk where he works in conscientious fidelity to thousands of clients who use the Scott service of renting, managing, insuring, and selling real estate, or in making loans thereon.

"On the high tower of the stately Union Avenue Christian Church building in the same city, is a tall revolving cross which by day and by night speaks its message over the thunderous traffic of the city's million activities and dreams. The cross is the gift of Oreon E. Scott to the church in honor of his Christian father and mother. The clock on the downtown office building; the cross on the uptown church—they are symbols of the dedications in the life of one of the busiest men in America. To both business and the church he devotes the practical mind and the generous heart which to him are suggested by the motto beneath the clock, 'Time to invest,' and the message of the cross, 'He that loseth his life shall find it.' It might be written, 'He that invests his life in service shall save it.' . . .

"Mr. Scott is widely-read and well-informed on many subjects aside from business. He is
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Judge Harland Bradley Howe Retires

JUDGE HOWE, '94 Law, Judge of the United States District Court for the Vermont District, retires from the bench this year, after twenty-five years of judicial service, having been appointed by President Woodrow Wilson in 1915. Judge Howe, a New England Yankee, was born among the Vermont hills and graduated from the famous, old St. Johnsbury Academy, of which institution Calvin Coolidge, also, was a product. In the fall of 1891 Howe entered the University of Michigan law school with the class of '93, but owing to financial reasons, remained out of school the next year and acted as a salaried law clerk and returned to Michigan in the fall of '93 to graduate with our famous class. He then returned to St. Johnsbury, was admitted to the bar of Vermont and began his practice there. For a while he was law partner of David E. Porter, also a member of our class, and thereafter the firm of Howe & Porter flourished for a while. Howe developed rapidly in his profession. His early and rapidly increasing successes in the trial of cases extended his reputation as a trial lawyer beyond his local field of operations and throughout New England, until he became known as one of the most skillful and prominent attorneys of his State. He became prominent in politics and served several terms in the State legislature and was a leader in the Democratic Party. After his appointment to the bench in 1915, he has served as Federal District Court Judge, not only in Vermont, but has been assigned to other New England and New York Districts, frequently holding court and presiding over many celebrated cases in New York City and Brooklyn. Few of his decisions have been reversed.

In fact, his written opinions are said to be instruments of logic and legal scholarship and have established and settled the law relating to many issues of great importance. Judge Howe never evaded a judicial responsibility and always exercised his judicial and discretionary authority in the interests of justice. Many of the most noted and important cases, both civil and criminal, tried in the Federal District Courts during the past quarter century, have been before Judge Howe. Norwich University, of Northville, Vermont, conferred on Judge Howe the honorary degree of L.L.D.

(Contributed by Geo. W. Fuller, '94 Law, Potsdam, N. Y.)

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The Tuttle Clan

We hope you all received the holiday greeting card of our classmate, the Hon. Arthur J. Tuttle, United States District Judge at Detroit, during the last Christmas holiday season. It is a remarkably beautiful work of art in color, picturing the Judge in non-judicial mood, smiling at you through the branches of one of his prize fruit trees, laden with beautiful and perfect Michigan apples. The tree stands on his ancestral farm near Leslie, Michigan. Accompanying the picture is a poetical saga of the Tuttle Clan and what they made of the Michigan soil. The Judge has certainly kept his poetical talent well submerged, during his busy years on the bench, but now that this talent is revealed, he is to be doubly encouraged, for his poetical story is really a work of art. It is done in the same literary style as one of those poetical myths of unknown origin, contained in Loonroot's collection of the myths, songs and stories of ancient Finland, and the same style which Longfellow is said to have adopted from the same source for the meter and rhythm of his "Story of Hiawatha." The Judge is certainly resourceful, for we are sure he uses still another style of English in writing his legal opinions. It all goes to show that we all have our moments and a song in our hearts, which will burst forth sooner or later.

"Occasions in Sugar"

How often have we stumbled into breakfast of a morning, fully engaged with the early edition and the latest war news, and, seating ourselves, have reached blindly over for one or two of those little white cubes, so taken for granted and always there available for our coffee. How often have we taken a spoonful of little white crystals from a bowl and sprinkled it over our porridge, all as a matter of course, and without ever thinking how this white substance ever got there on our table. But it is always right there, like the furniture, the dishes and the food. This white substance we use so casually, if you haven't already guessed it, is sugar, and Earl D. Babst, '94 Law, is the No. 1 man, who, through his vast army of agents, sees to it that this great food necessity is always available for our use, as, if, when and where we want it.

Earl D. Babst, '94 Law, Chairman of the Board of the American Sugar Refining Company, has quietly guided the destinies of that great corporation for nearly a generation. He has only recently published a limited edition of a book for private distribution, entitled "OCCASIONS IN SUGAR." This is an absorbing collection of his papers, addresses

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"Judge Burr Tells 'Em"

A decision of our worthy classmate, Justice A. G. Burr, of the North Dakota Supreme Court, Bismarck, N. D., received national attention in the newspapers on March 28th of this year. The following appeared in a Detroit paper:

"The troubles of a poverty stricken family of ten children and their parents and how they were shuffled between two States in the efforts of officials to pass along a relief burden provoked a sternly worded decision in the North Dakota Supreme Court today.

"Justice A. G. Burr, holding that the welfare of the Roy A. Hulm family was now the responsibility of Burleigh County, N. D., said the court was informed: That the Hulms moved from Perkins County, S. D., June 26, 1937, to Burleigh County, N. D., remaining until August 29, 1938, when they were moved to the South Dakota line by the Burleigh sheriff and left between Adams County, N. D., and Perkins County: That they went then to South Dakota, but ten days later were removed to Adams County, which took the case to the courts. That Burleigh County claimed Perkins County supported the Hulms in Burleigh County to enable them to become legal residents there for relief purposes.

"It is difficult for me to pass calmly and dispassionately upon the facts in the case . . . and the callous indifference of South Dakota seems scarcely credible in this age," wrote justice Burr."

William Rhodes Hervey, '94 Law, long a Judge of one of the Courts of Los Angeles, and later executive officer of the largest bank in that city, resigned from business several years ago with the intention of retiring to private life. However, so many people in need of legal service continued to ask his counsel and advice, that he soon found he really preferred professional activity to retirement. Whereupon, the legal firm of Hervey and Hervey, composed of Judge Hervey and his son, was established at Suite 1249, Rowan Bldg., 458 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California. Here Judge Hervey keeps busy but remains well and happy, and is keeping young.

It might be well for all of us to seriously consider Judge Hervey's experience, for it is far better to wear out happily and gracefully in performing our interesting legal tasks, rather than rust out in idleness, or in turning the pages of a stamp album, collecting ship models, or puttering over some other useless hobby.

Our Class President is about to issue a new class directory. Many of our Classmates have passed on and, undoubtedly, some have changed their addresses in recent years. It would be a happy gesture of appreciation for each surviving member of our class to write Orion E. Scott, 800 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, Missouri, and either confirm their present address as we have it, or give any new mailing instructions. When writing Scott, please add a bit of news for the BULLETIN.

Meeting of Class Officers Council

For the first time, since our 1939 Reunion, when our Class decided to become affiliated with the Class Officers Council of the Alumni Association, our Class was represented at a meeting of the Council held at the Statler Hotel, Detroit, on the evening of March 19th last. Our Class was represented by Henry C. Walters, Vice-President, and Lewis A. Stone- man, Secretary, and this being our first ap- pearance at a Class Officers Council meet- ing, we were interested in learning what it was all about. The various classes, having no officers living in Detroit, were represented by proxy. The oldest graduate present was of the 1876 vintage and the attendance was about one hundred, representing a cross-sec- tion of the graduates, during the past fifty years. After a good, hearty dinner, we heard reports of officers. Prof. Carl Brandt spoke entertainingly on the subject of the relation of the University to the student. Afterwards, Assistant Coach Wally Webber gave a rip- roaring football talk and rebroadcast of the 1939 Ohio State game as it was shown in moving pictures. The Class Officers Council is a group of class officers which meets for interchange of plans and ideas to keep alive the spirit of the Alma Mater in the alumni body and to encourage class loyalty and the attendance of alumni at reunions, not only class reunions, but attendance at the Uni- versity during Alumni Week at Commence- ment time, any and every year. The repre- sentatives of the '94 Laws at this meeting enjoyed a most delightful evening.

Oreon E. Scott

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a graduate in law of the University of Michi- gan and a member of the American Bar As- sociation. He knows the history and teach- ings of the Disciples of Christ and is firm in his fundamental convictions. But construction is more to his taste than discussion and criticism. He has the gift of getting things done. Out of the entire population of St. Louis, one person in every one hundred is an occupant of property of which Oreon E. Scott is agent, and one dollar out of every hundred dollars paid in taxes in St. Louis, is paid through his office. Notwithstanding his large business demands, he finds time for many brotherhood causes.

"He has been for many years and is now "The Dollar-a-Year-Man (though he never gets the dollar) for a half-dozen of the im- portant missionary, benevolent and education- al organizations of the Disciples of Christ. To these he has given of his genius for management, his sound judgment, his cour- age in adventure, his advice in investment of

Since publication of the last Bulletin, the following deaths have come to our attention:

- ALONZO L. CURTIS
Belton, Texas.....December, 1934
- RAYMOND E. FERGUSON
Glendale, Calif.....October 23, 1935
- HUGH MINAHAN
La Mesa, Calif.....April 11, 1936
- J. MONROE MOHNEY
Hastings, Neb.....August 20, 1936
- JOHN E. SWANGER
Rochester, Minn.....October 19, 1936
- NATHAN J. HARRIS
Ogden, Utah.....November 19, 1936
- JOHN T. WAGNER
Royersford, Pa.....December 4, 1936
- WILLIAM S. MCCONNELL
Woodstock, Ill.....March 15, 1937
- FREDERICK WILLIAM MARSH
Pensacola, Fla.....February 7, 1938
- CHARLES W. CHAPMAN
Jackson, Mich.....February 8, 1938
- REX RONALD CASE
Philadelphia, Pa.....September 17, 1938
- HARVEY C. MEHAN
Roy, Wash.....March 26, 1939
- JACOB B. ADAMS
Uniontown, Pa.....April 11, 1939
- GEORGE F. WATERS
Cleveland, Ohio.....April 23, 1939
- JOHN G. STONE
Hancock, Mich.....May 21, 1939
- DAVID E. PORTER
St. Johnsbury, Vt.....June 9, 1939
- LOUIS GEORGE NERRETER
Los Angeles, Calif.....February 6, 1940
- OLIVER E. CRAMER
Vinita, Okla.....May 20, 1940
- CLIFTON D. GORDON
Hollywood, Calif.....July 21, 1940
- WEBSTER V. MOFFET
Bloomfield, Ind.....July 26, 1940
- HARRY I. DUNTON
(Attended one year, 1893-4)
Canandaigua, N. Y.....Deceased

trust funds, and his skill in handling diffi- cult situations.' . . .

"Mr. Scott's personal contributions of time, money, and ability to the Church in St. Louis and to our brotherhood enterprises have been large. His whole attitude of ser- vice to the Kingdom of God has been that of unfeigned cheerfulness. His good-will and optimism have penetrated many difficult situ- ations with light and hope. He is honored and loved and held in grateful esteem by all the leaders of our churches and by his hosts of friends throughout the brotherhood. His reward is with him and his work still before him. *When does he sleep?* We do not know. But so long as he is awake, things will get done in our behalf."

This and That

OREON E. SCOTT attended the celebration of his mother's ninety-sixth birthday in Cleveland, Ohio, on May 6th, this year. She has at the present time eight living children, fifteen grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren. She, also, is nationally known for her good work in The Christian Church. May she live long, and prosper!

Classmates, EDWIN C. HENNING, of Evansville, Indiana, and COL. HUGH C. SMITH, of Washington, D. C., with their wives, expected to hold a reunion of their own at Philadelphia in September, during the meeting of the American Bar Association there.

COL. HUGH C. SMITH, who has been practicing law at 201 Southern Building, Washington, D. C., since his retirement from the Judge Advocate General's office of the Army, about three years ago, was called back for active service on July 18th of this year, and is performing his duties under the Assistant Secretary of War.

Your Class President, OREON E. SCOTT, and your Secretary, LEWIS A. STONEMAN, met at Ann Arbor on June 14th this year, during the Class Reunion period at Commencement time. It was rather unique in having our little reunion of the '94 Law Class in an off year, but we spent a very enjoyable day visiting the Alumni officers and wearing badges designating our Class, while visiting the officers and members of other classes holding their regular reunions. It seemed rather strange being there without the rest of you and we missed your presence. Ann Arbor is a delightful place to visit during the reunion period and it would do you all good to get back there at that time in any year and enjoy and realize more and more what a great institution of education you all represent.

CLIFTON D. GORDON died unexpectedly from pneumonia at his home in Hollywood, California, on July 21st, 1940. He is survived by his widow, Abbie Huston Gordon, 853 Alta Vista Boulevard, Hollywood. They had no children. Clifton was a brother of the wife of Henry C. Walters, '94 Law, of Detroit. The death of Mrs. Walters, on January 13, 1936, was announced in a recent Bulletin.

JOHN G. STONE died in Hancock, Michigan, May 21st, 1939. He had fully expected to attend our forty-fifth reunion in June, 1939. He had served for seventeen years as Judge of the Circuit Court of Michigan in the Houghton-Keweenaw-Baraga Circuit in the Northern Peninsula. He was a great lawyer and was regarded as one of Michigan's foremost judges. Your Editor knows this of his own knowledge, for even in law school

and in the quiz sections he had all the correct answers to the questions asked.

WEBSTER V. MOFFET, of Bloomfield, Indiana, who died in an Indianapolis hospital on July 26th, 1940, was always a faithful attendant at our reunions. His absence will be sadly missed in 1944.

It is depressing to report the long list of classmates who have died recently, and we would be glad to give more particulars in each case, if we had the information.

FRED W. SMITH, '94 Law, Secretary of the Detroit Civil Service Commission for the past twenty-seven years, retired in July, 1940. Eighty-eight candidates for his job took examinations, eight of whom qualified, and from these eight one was chosen as Smith's successor.

For the past year, one of the Circuit Judges of Wayne County, Michigan, at Detroit, has been sitting as a one man grand jury, taking testimony on conditions of vice, gambling, graft, and malfeasance in office, by the law enforcement officers and Detroit policemen. Hundreds of Detroit policemen have been arrested. The sheriff and the prosecuting attorney of Wayne County, Michigan, were also arrested and the one man grand jury petitioned the governor of Michigan for their summary removal from office. The governor designated JOHN L. HOLLANDER, '94 Law, for a long time Probate Judge of Kalamazoo County, Michigan, to take testimony in Detroit in support of the petition for the removal of those two public officials. Consequently, Judge Hollander was sitting in Detroit for several months, excepting as his duties in Kalamazoo County called him home, occasionally, and as the result of Judge Hollander's report, the sheriff and prosecuting attorney have been removed. (Note: Detroit may be having a purge, but as it is a large city, it is hoped there are a few law abiding citizens left.)

ROBERT L. MOTLEY, '94 Law, of Bowling Green, Missouri, has never attended a class reunion, but is still active in his practice and church work, and has served as Probate Judge several terms.

This is a troubled world. Whether we like the results of our national election or not, we must all face the future united and with courage.

"Occasions in Sugar"

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and remarks at different times and places, and discloses the story of sugar, from which one can get some general idea of how complex has been the process of getting this great necessity from the cane fields to the tables of the world, during the past quarter of a century.