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A HAPPY RETROSPECT
By PROF. T. W. HUGHES

More than a quarter of a century has come and gone since I stood on the rostrum at Ann Arbor and quizzed the class of '94L. My saddest experience in those good old days was when I clasped the hands of the graduates on commencement day and bade them "Good-bye," for I knew too well that many of them I would never see again.

The class is certainly entitled to much commendation. That thirty of its members, approximately 10%, have worn the judicial ermine, and 46% have held public office, is a record of which the members of the class may justly feel proud.

I distinctly remember all those mentioned from time to time in the Bulletin, and look forward to its receipt regularly.

It may be of interest to the class to know that I am still engaged in teaching law. For seven years I have been a member of the law faculty of Washburn College, in Topeka, Kansas. I feel very loyal to this institution. Its executive head, President P. P. Womer, is a remarkably clever man. As head of an educational institution, I do not believe that he has a superior. His achievements, during the seven years of his regime, have put Washburn College on the map. I also like Topeka very much; as a residence city it appeals to me greatly.

I hope to attend the next class reunion and mingle once again with you all. I attended a reunion at Ann Arbor two years ago last summer and I simply had the time of my life. I feel (and, they say, I look) considerably younger than my years, and I surely would like to greet again my friends of long ago. To the members of Law Class of '94, I send my warmest greetings.

STONE ELECTED JUDGE

Word has been received that classmate John G. Stone, of Houghton, Michigan, was elected Judge of the Circuit Court of Michigan, for the 12th Circuit, which comprises Baraga, Houghton and Keweenaw counties.

He had been appointed by the Governor pending the nomination and election, last November, of a successor to fill the unexpired term, which expires in January, 1924. Apparently, the only satisfactory timber for judicial office in that country is a '94 Law, for William J. Galbraith, of Calumet, was "runner-up" in the primaries for the nomination. At the above election, Stone had no opposition, and, also, had none at the election on April 2nd for the full six years' term beginning January 1st, 1924.

Stone's father was on the Circuit bench when "Johnny Stone" was taking lectures in the law lecture room in Ann Arbor. The former, now deceased, was also for many years a member of the Supreme Court of Michigan. The Stones were related to Professor Champlin, who, it will be remembered, was also a Judge of the Supreme Court.

BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME

Judge Tuttle, who has presided for many years over the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, sitting in Detroit, was a prominent candidate for the vacancy on the U. S. Supreme Court bench, lately filled by the President by the selection of Judge Sanford, of Tennessee. No man has ever had finer endorsements for the above position than Judge Tuttle. He was not only urged for the appointment by the Detroit bar, but by practically every bar association in Michigan, and also by prominent lawyers of nearly every city and hamlet in Michigan, as well as by a host of lawyers and friends outside of the state. His appointment to the next vacancy would be a fit recognition of his unusual ability and industry, shown to a remarkable degree during the occupancy of his present position.

Dr. Joseph F. McGregor soon after graduation switched from law to medicine. Besides having a good practice, he is surgeon for the R. G. Western Railway, with headquarters at Beaver, Utah. He was at one time a member of the State Legislature.
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AN EARNEST REQUEST

The class tax still remains unpaid by a number of our classmates. We know how easy it is to lay aside a bill for lodge or class dues, to be inadvertently forgotten in the mad rush for existence.

Will you kindly, therefore—those who are delinquents—put your remittance in the stamped return envelope enclosed with this issue, now, and mail immediately. The money is needed for current bills for publication of the Bulletin. Every penny received is strictly accounted for. The class is put to no expense except for actual disbursements.

GET TOGETHER!

A suggestion was made, some time ago, that classmates living in the larger cities meet once in a while for social intercourse and good fellowship. This has been tried with success in New York City. If it has been done elsewhere, we do not know of it. Detroit has 17 classmates, Chicago 17, New York City 9, Portland, Oregon, Los Angeles, Denver, Washington, D. C., and Pittsburgh each 4, and so on down. Nothing will contribute so much to the promotion of class spirit, and, incidentally, help to bring about an increased attendance at our next reunion, as such occasions. The above applies also to smaller communities. Getting together now and then, even where there are only two classmates, at the home, club or restaurant, will afford an easy way of living over again old Ann Arbor days. Why not try it? Have your wife ask a classmate, or classmates, in to join you for tea or dinner.

JUNE, 1924

The reunion season is again at our doors. Our own will be celebrated next year. It will hardly seem like five years since our Quarter Centennial, in 1919. Time goes too fast.

It will be thirty years since our graduation. Many things have happened since; to sit down quietly and think of the ups and downs brings sadness to some, satisfaction to others. Deep down in the heart of everyone, however, there is a sense of gratitude, at least, for the pleasures that have come from association and good fellowship. These can be had by all, without serious sacrifice, especially the college graduate. Besides pleasant memories of college days, the latter is kept constantly in touch, whether passively or actively, with the friends of his or her youth. We hear it frequently said that men are only grown-up boys. If that is so, boys’ exuberance must find an outlet, and what better opportunity is afforded for its unbridled expression than the periodical class reunion.

Let us, therefore, fix definitely and indelibly upon our minds June, 1924. Let every classmate, even at this time, form a determined resolve to be in Ann Arbor in June, 1924, for our thirtieth-year reunion.

PROF. MELVILLE M. BIGELOW

By CHARLES W. ELIOT, LL.D.*

When he came to Cambridge to enter the Graduate School, and while he was winning there with great distinction the degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy, he talked with me more than once about his personal history and experience, which I found very remarkable. I have never known any young man who deliberately undertook the pursuit of higher education for so long a period. He must have entered the University of Michigan about 1862, for he obtained the degree of A. B. in 1866. It was not until 1879 that he obtained at Harvard his degree of Ph.D. He was a student and a scholar when he came to Harvard, a persistent, industrious and devoted student. His first book appeared seven years before he took his degree of Ph.D., and that book went to its eighth edition in 1906. I refer to his book on torts, which has proved to be a book of lasting value.

I suppose his most scholarly work is the Placita-Anglo-Normannica; it has given him his widest distinction as a scholar in Europe, as well as in America. His books have a high reputation and a constant sale in more continents than any American law publication with which I am acquainted.

* * * His name will live
for generations in the history of legal authorship. His books have a solid value as respects both matter and manner, which is so firmly based that they will go down for generations in frequent use.

He did all this work in youth and middle life, without possessing strong health. He was a man of nervous temperament, whose sleep was easily disturbed or destroyed; and he led rather an isolated or retired life. For many years he lived in a boarding house in Cambridge, where he had little congenial society. He had few intimate friends, his habits being such that he was difficult to get at, even by warm admirers who greatly desired to talk with him. He was a man, you could say, of the characteristic student and recluse habit, and this habit was not much changed by his happy marriage of 1898 and his active labors as a teacher in this school.

*From an address delivered before the Bigelow Club of Boston University Law School, by Dr. Elliot, President Emeritus of Harvard University; Prof. Bigelow’s death was reported in Bulletin No. 6—Ed.

M. L. COLEMAN, SURROGATE

Classmate M. L. Coleman, of Warsaw, New York, was elected, at the last election, County Judge and Surrogate of Wyoming County, and entered upon the performance of his duties as such this past January. He is the first Democrat to hold those offices in that county. He was also the first, and to date has been the last, Democrat to hold the office of District Attorney of Wyoming County, to which office he was elected in 1912. Coleman is a vote-getter and stands high in the councils of his party.

BUT HE LETS IN THE CHILDREN

(From February-March Docket: the correspondents are Classmate Patterson’s firm.)

A client has submitted the following lease made by himself on a dwelling house. Apparently he is not an animal lover. The clause in question is as follows:

“None but human kind shall be kept or harbored on the premises, and if kept or harbored the tenant shall pay the lessor ten ($10.00) dollars per year or for any fractional period of time any individual other than human is domiciled on the premises.”

Seymour, Patterson & Siebeneck.

CLASS ITEMS

Judge Travis addressed the Michigan Alumni of Indianapolis at their annual dinner on “The Duty of an Alumnus to His Alma Mater.” Classmate Emma Eaton White was also present at the dinner.

Charles Arthur Park is president of the Oregon State Board of Horticulture.

Joe E. Kirby is now located in Chicago, where he has established and is in charge of the sales office of the Multnomah Lumber & Box Co., of Portland, Oregon. His permanent address is 1148 First National Bank Bldg., Chicago, Ill. Kirby writes that he will surely be at the reunion next year.

Humphrey S. Gray, of Benton Harbor, was one of the attorneys for William Z. Foster, communist, whose trial recently in the Michigan Circuit Court, on the charge of advocating force to overthrow the U. S. Government to establish a Soviet rule in its place, resulted in a disagreement.

The Acacia fraternity house, which was our headquarters during our Quarter Century Reunion, will be torn down, together with other fraternity houses on the same block, to make room for the projected Law Club building, endowed by an alumnus of the University.

Bernard J. Hope’s present address is 447 Clermont Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. His wife died about a year ago. He has a son 23 years old, who is a graduate of the School of Forestry of Syracuse University.

Luther Freeman and his wife paid New York City a visit in February. His interests in Wyoming oil properties brought him to the Metropolis. Since the last reunion two little girls and a boy have been added to his family.

Laws ’94 are in constant touch with President Burton, of the University, through the Bulletin. He receives it regularly and informed ye editor that he reads “every word of it.”

Ulysses G. Denman is senior member of the firm of Denman, Kirkbride, Wilson & McCabe, of Toledo. He at one time was Attorney General and U. S. Attorney; he has taken little active part in politics in recent years.

H. G. Cleaveland, B. F. Wollman, E. D. Babst and H. W. Webber were at the annual banquet of the U. of M.
Clayton Burton made a stirring address to over 400 alumni.

Clayton Burton has a beautiful country home in Bearsville, N. Y.

John M. Haddock has been in practice in Portland, Oregon, for a great many years. He was unable to resist the lure of the Pacific Coast, where so many classmates have located; it was his original intention upon graduation to return to his native town in Iowa.

O. E. and R. G. Scott do an extensive real estate business in St. Louis. They recently gave a check to the Collector of Taxes for $145,407.98, annual city taxes on properties in their charge.

Ira M. Long, who will be remembered as a prize orator, is still in Eureka, California, in the real estate business. He practiced law for four years in Oregon after graduation, but had to quit on account of ill health.

Dennis B. Hayes specializes in corporation law in Detroit.

Frank H. Dunnahoo, upon leaving Ann Arbor, hung out his shingle in Pittsburgh, where he has been ever since.

Ned Abercrombie, from last accounts, is still connected with the Rushville Natural Gas Co., in Rushville, Ind., his native city and state.

Frank Crozier continues in active practice in Chicago, Ill. His principal diversion is motoring; he is a prominent member of the Chicago Automobile Club, one of the largest in the country.

John J. Ingle, although a hustler in the real estate business in San Diego, Cal., does not neglect out-of-door exercise when opportunity presents. The San Diego Country Club and the Coronado Country Club claim him as one of their most active members.

Arthur M. Lewald keeps a hand in the publication of several successful magazines. His law office is in the Otis Bldg., Chicago.

Daniel A. Edwards deplores the fact that he has "neither vote nor politics." He is a resident of Washington, D. C., and is president of the Columbia Correspondence College.

We would like to get a line from Charles H. Rector, from whom we have not heard for several years. He resides in Los Angeles.

James L. Poston, of Horton, Kansas, is the proud father of four boys and one girl.

Joseph E. Parker has found out-of-door life profitable as well as agreeable. He is engaged in growing and selling small fruits in Frankfort, Michigan.

Adelbert Mosher practices law in Lansing, Michigan.

John D. Wakely is a member of the Tulsa, Okla., bar.

John E. Patton, with his family, consisting of wife and four children, still resides in Chattanooga, Tenn., where he is at the head of several fuel and iron companies.

Elmer S. Avery, who was admitted to practice before he entered law school, has been located in Lansing for many years.

Charles W. Chapman is in the real estate business in Pontiac, Michigan.

Charles A. Bull wants all classmates to visit him in Sun River, Montana, where he is engaged in business, should pleasure or business take any near that point.

James J. Harrington, who refused to stand for renomination as Judge of the District Court, is still engaged in active practice in O'Neill, Nebraska.

Harry L. Yartin for a great many years has held the responsible position of chief clerk of the American Tel. & Tel. Co., of Omaha, Nebraska.

Louis G. Nerrerter combines insurance with law, in Saginaw, Michigan, his native city.

The present address of Jesse B. Luse is 4726 Greenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Allen S. Beach, County Clerk for seven years in Mansfield, Ohio, is in general practice there.

After many years' residence in Detroit, Irving W. Durfee moved to Chicago, where he is engaged in promoting enterprises and selling securities.

Hal C. DeRan was a member of the Ohio Legislature for two terms from Fremont, Ohio.

George E. Leonard, formerly in the real estate business in Jacksonville, Fla., is now interested in motion pictures in Kansas City, Mo.

Jack Koenigstein was County Attorney in Norfolk, Nebraska, where he is now in practice.

John F. Peters has promoted several new agricultural motor vehicles. His present address is St. Charles Road, Lombard, Ill.

William S. McConnell, for many years Postmaster and County Treasurer, is still located in Woodstock, Ill.