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Forty-second Anniversary Luncheon

The Forty-second anniversary of the founding of the college will be celebrated on Thursday, June 6th. The celebration will be in the nature of a noonday luncheon to be held in the Cameo room of the Morrison Hotel. The luncheon will be given under the auspices of CHICAGO-KENT UNION, which combines within its ranks the alumni of Chicago-Kent College of Law and other law schools affiliated therewith, and the present trustees, faculty and student body of the college. Last year's gathering was a revelation of spirit and enthusiasm on the part of all graduates from the first class to the last. There was much rivalry among class committees to have present as large a representation of members of their class as possible. Our position as the law school in Chicago having the largest number of alumni justifies us in the expectation that each class again will be well represented.

Class Gifts

The gifts by the graduating classes of the last two years have now established as tradition the making of a gift to the College Library as a permanent memorial to such graduating class. The class of 1918 was the first to establish a class memorial by the gift to the College Library of a set of Arkansas State Reports. The class of June, 1928, raised sufficient funds for the purchase of a complete set of Selden Society Reports and now follow the two classes of 1929 by their donation to the college of funds for the purchase of sets of legal periodicals.

Another Phase of Graduate Work

Except to naive and unsophisticated persons who judge fruit, not by the flavor but by the wrapper on the can, a law degree is merely a label. A busy lawyer in selecting an assistant will naturally prefer one having some experience to one who is entirely lacking in practical work. It is practical knowledge in its most concentrated form, therefore, that the young lawyer needs most in commencing the practice of law.

Practical knowledge and experience in drafting legal documents is one of the many things the students in the post-graduate class at Kent College of Law are now learning. They are not waiting for experience to come to them. They are learning what every young lawyer must know if he is going to handle successfully the business that comes to him.

Given a statement of facts and circumstances such as might be presented to them by a client, they are finding out just how to proceed with the proper remedy. And to the young lawyer to know just what to do is sometimes a problem. For example, assume that your client is injured through the negligence of a street car conductor, and that his employer is liable. Whom do you sue? If you sue the wrong defendant, the statute of limitations may run before the case comes up for trial.

As an example of the difficulties which confront a lawyer this may seem simple, but it will suffice to show how practical and useful the post-graduate course really is. It is merely representative of the many practical problems which Professor Jackson continually clears up in the minds of the young lawyers to whom he is generously giving the benefit of his broad experience.

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