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## THE CHICAGO KENT BULLETIN.

The "Bulletin" seems to be just the thing that was needed, according to the great number of favorable criticisms received by those in charge of the paper. The majority of these messages of good cheer are from the Alumni and we are indeed glad to see that our efforts are appreciated by them. This issue is smaller than the original, partly due from lack of sufficient contributions and the summer vacation. With the September number we will give you at least eight pages of real live Kent news that will be of interest to both Alumni and Students. Within the next month subscriptions will be taken at the rate of 50 cents per year, by mail 65 cents. It is hoped that in this we will have the assistance of enough of the Alumni to place the paper on somewhere near a self-sustaining basis.

### FOURSOME.

The Judge sits on the woolsack,  
The lawyer makes the plea,  
The jury brings the verdict,  
And the clients pays the fee.

The Editor acknowledges the receipt of numerous letters upon our "Bulletin" and in behalf of his associates thanks the Alumni for the good spirit in which they are accepting our efforts.

## THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

The twenty-eighth annual Commencement Exercises of Chicago Kent College of Law were held Thursday evening, June 1st at the Auditorium Theatre.

The attendance taxed the capacity of the theatre; parents, relatives and friends turning out to witness the results of three years' work at Kent.

Hon. Henry D. Eastbrook of New York City delivered the Commencement address. His topic was "The Constitution Between Friends." It is the intention of the "Bulletin" to publish this very able address in the next issue of the paper.

Judge Burke conferred the degree of Master of Laws on twelve students, while one hundred and thirty-five received the Degree of Bachelor of Laws.

## THE SENIOR BANQUET.

The Graduating Banquet of the Class of 1916, held Saturday evening, May 27th at the Florentine Room, Congress Hotel, was attended by practically every member of the Class and their lady friends. The "eats" were good and everybody enjoyed the talks by the Dean, Guy Guernsey, Mr. Kremer, C. C. Pickett, Mr. Foster and Mr. Guerin.

Our President, Warren Lincoln, acted as toastmaster; H. Winnecour read the Class History; Leslie M. O'Connor gave the Class Oration; and our Prophecy was read by Miss Roberts.

A feature of the entertainment was the stories of Harry Bartruff and the well-rendered selections by the Colonial Quartette. Many thanks are due Mr. Clark, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, for the splendid program arranged.

From every standpoint the last Class Banquet was a success. The Committee in charge consisted of Maurice M. Kaplan, Chairman; I. J. Bliss, J. McComb, Lewis A. Bell, Frank Carroll and Edw. Barry.

Did you ever see Gus Kelly without a pair of gloves in his hand?

## A LETTER FROM OUR OLD FRIEND, PROF. HIGGINS

Los Angeles, California,  
June 1, 1916.

My Dear Friends of the Class of 1916:

As the time approaches for your graduation, I find my mind returning more and more to the classroom at the Chicago-Kent, and a feeling of sadness comes over me at the thought that I will be unable to be with you on the eventful evening when, in cap and gown, you will receive the coveted prize for which you labored so long and faithfully.

But although I will not be with you in person, you may rest assured that I will be there in thought, and the best sentiments of my mind and heart will accompany each one of you as you go forward to receive from the hands of our beloved Dean the well merited diploma which proclaims you a graduate of the Chicago-Kent College of Law.

I will always treasure my association with you, and hope that in the years to come you will look back to your association with me in a kindly light and with a feeling that out of that association has come some benefit to yourselves.

I trust that each one of you will approach the practice of your profession with courage, patience and perseverance. There is no profession or business in the world in which these qualities are more necessary than in the practice of the law,—and if, in your early experience, the way seems barren and the feeling of a lonely wayfarer overtakes you, remember that those who are now upon the Heights traveled that same road and were buffeted by those same storms.

I know that success awaits you if you continue the same efforts and self-sacrifice that have characterized your course at law school. Of no less importance than the knowledge you have obtained are these habits of industry, and will power which you have formed in your three year struggle to secure a legal education.

Be careful in the future to form no habits to weaken the strength you have thus acquired, and I predict for you a promising professional career. Had I the magic wish to bestow upon you, the Federal constitution would have to be amended to permit the same number of Chief Justices of the U. S. Supreme Court as there are members in the class of 1916.

But the magic of your own power, I know, will eventually lead you into the rich fields of the profession, the fruits of which, I trust, you will long garner to the glory of yourselves and your Alma Mater.

Most affectionately yours,

E. C. Higgins.

2646 Ellendale Place.



**THREE YEARS AT KENT.**

C. V. STEWART, '16.

"While others slept,  
He toiled upward in the night."

To those of indomitable spirit who have traversed the long, rough road for three years in earnest, eager quest of legal knowledge with no magic key to the garnered wisdom of the ages except unrelenting toil this quotation is especially significant and pregnant with meaning. To those self-reliant, strenuous, and democratic individuals who gradually and systematically acquired accurate legal education, and who by their own sheer merit have pushed forward into positions of trust and confidence, taking the lead in affairs political, social, and industrial, the three years spent at Kent are regarded as of inestimable value.

The opportunity of intimate association, possible to most in no other way, with the learned faculty selected from the most eminent members of the bar and bench, furnished an inspiration to emulate their lofty attainments, and has been the means of stimulating industry and application to such an appreciable extent that during the three years many a wishbone of mere desire has been converted into a backbone of worthy determination to succeed.

The three years of self-denial of the pleasures offered by the metropolis and in substitution therefor, association with others devoted to serious subjects, has formed character; the conscientious application to studies has developed concentration; the ceaseless endeavor to master thoroughly the intricate mysteries of the law has developed an analytical mind; the seeking of reasons for various rules of laws has produced ability to think; the individual application has produced initiative; the expression by recitation in the class room of comprehension of legal principles has increased the vocabulary, given confidence and self-reliance, made necessary the ability to express thought clearly, carefully, and logically with conciseness and discrimination.

The numerous other commendable attributes which indicate the development of the individual have been so materially aided by the course at Kent, that one can, with satisfaction, look forward with a new perspective on life, and realize that he has acquired the possibilities of power for a leader, and of value to the community in solving its problems and protecting its most cherished rights. He has been given the knowledge of the interpretation of

acts of individuals in their relations to each other and to society. He has become amply proficient by qualities developed to fill with credit any position to which he may attain and he can look back with satisfaction to the freedom of mind given by his application, and can look forward with intelligent anticipation to the fulfillment of worthy ambitions that will make him a credit to himself and to the institution which afforded him, at small expense, the means of properly filling his duties and obligations as a worthy citizen.

**NOTES**

W. A. L. Keplinger is spending his vacation at Carlinville, Ill. His valuable contributions are missed this month.

Phi Delta Phi held an Installation Dinner at the Advertiser's Club, on June 12th. All the active and several of the Alumni were present.

Leo Sypneske is sojourning in the vicinity of Starved Rock, getting ready for the last year at Kent.

Geo. Tormoehlon was last seen "leading the pup" at White City.

Howard Andrews leaves for the front as soon as the Bar Exam. is over.

We read something in the Tribune lately to the effect that A Roosevelt Singing Society had been formed. What do you mean, "Singing?"

It is indeed gratifying to learn that so many of the Alumni are interested in the "Bulletin." It is our intention to make it worth while.

As we said before, contributions gratefully received.

A Midsummer get together social event of some kind has been suggested by one of our Classmates; it is a splendid idea and one which will commend itself to all. Who will take the initiative?

Tom Cochrane, '15, left his post with the Tribune to join the 1st Reg. in which he holds commission as Lieutenant.

Ralph G. Smith, '16, has accepted a position as Attorney for a Bonding Company with headquarters at Madison, Wis.

Gerald McMullen stood third in the list of the successful applicants in the Bar Examination held in Iowa last month.

Fill your fountain pen and help make this paper a success. Send your contributions in to the Editor.

We noticed Guy Guernsey in the Preparedness Parade.

John J. O'Connor is busy these days looking after the interests of the Red Cross Society.

**THAT FRESHMAN FAREWELL.**

Toward the close of the past school term, the Class of 1918 decided that, in view of their successful social activities during the school year, it would be fitting to give a real Farewell to their Freshman days in the nature of a banquet and dance where one and all could join in the festivities. And so it was decided that no better place could be obtained for an affair of this kind than the spacious banquet hall and ball room of the New Morrison Hotel, and with their school work still in mind, they felt that it would be the better policy to hold their affair over till the Saturday following the close of the term, so as not to interfere with their studies in the least.

Thus it was that on the evening of June 10th, at eight o'clock sharp over one hundred persons filed into the large banquet hall and gathered about the festive board. As soon as all were seated, a great flash followed by a dull boom announced that a picture had been taken, and before we had left our seats, the photographer had brought the proofs around for approval. The pictures were very good and will always be a pleasing reminder of the night when we had the "time of our lives."

Then the serving commenced, and such a banquet was never before offered one. We can never forget the delicious "Breast of Chicken a la Moir," nor the dainty ice cream favors, moulded in fantastic forms and oh! so good!

All the while the orchestra played on varying from the ballad strains of sentimental music, to the catchy pulsating rhythm of "So Long Letty."

Then arose the toastmaster of the evening, Mr. W. A. Weismann, the Chairman of the Social Committee, and with a few pleasant words of greeting, introduced Mr. W. F. Ferguson the President of the Class of 1918. He in turn ventured a few remarks upon the success of the affair, and the pleasure of having an opportunity of that kind to thank the class for their splendid support and friendly relations that had thus enabled him to feel that his administration had been one of harmony and success. Then Harry Egan, the Vice-President of the class, Joseph Suchemean the Treasurer, and Mr. O. B. DuRand of the Class Relations Committee gave a few greetings and remarks relative to their respective offices. Following these brief after-dinner talks, Toastmaster Weismann again arose in response to the well-deserved complimentaries offered by



the Treasurer, and then we adjourned to the spacious parlors, while the hotel force prepared the ball room for the dance that followed.

In no time it seemed we heard the opening strains of the Grand March, and the dance was on. Here, again, we must mention that orchestra, as it is seldom indeed that one ever heard finer dance music and as much of it, and we thank Mr. Agay of the Freshman Class for his great favor in obtaining the peer of orchestras.

The greater part of the assembly were members of the Freshman Class along with their sweethearts and wives—oh yes—we have many married men—and they have lovely wives. We know—we danced with some of them.

And so the night passed away and morning found us still dancing; nor was it until near two o'clock that the last of the dancers were leaving, and bidding good bye to the affair of affairs.

The venture, for such it seemed, when Mr. Weismann first took it in hand, proved to be not only a social but a financial success as well, and when we return next fall, we will find we still have a nest-egg in the treasury, thus proving that the Freshman year has been a really and truly successful one from all points of view.

We give thanks to many in conclusion, namely to our Social Chairman who so ably handled all arrangements; to our officers who made our year worth while; to the members of the various committees; to Mr. Agay and his orchestra; to the Hotel Morrison and Manager Heinrich, for their extreme courtesy and excellent cuisine, and lastly, to all those who took part and were with us at the finest of affairs ever given by any Class of Chicago Kent—the long-to-be-remembered "Freshman Farewell."

The Central Division of Phi Alpha Delta's held a conference at the LaSalle on June 17th. Part of the discussion was relative to bringing the next National Convention of the P. A. D.'s to Chicago in which event they would be royally entertained by the Blackstone Chapter.

#### Not to Be Fooled Twice.

Judge (interrupting long-winded lawyer)—"Can't you take it for granted that I understand an ordinary point of law?"

Lawyer (coolly)—"Your honor, that's the mistake I made in the lower court, where I lost my case."—Boston Transcript.

## THE LAW.

It is with pleasure that we herewith print the remarkable speech delivered by Leslie M. O'Connor at the Senior Banquet.

Mr. O'Connor, after a very timely introduction, said in part:

We are now through school. There is only the bar examination—a mere formality—between us and an honorable profession which has truly been declared to be as ancient as magistracy, as noble as virtue, as necessary as justice.

For all of us it is the realization of aspirations. Soon the portals of enlarged opportunities will be opened to us. These opportunities we are too apt to measure in money terms. That is but natural, for nowadays everything, it seems, must stand the dollar test.

Viewed from the money-seeking standpoint, assuredly there are other pursuits which promise greater material rewards with less effort. This profession offers no cheering assurances of rapid distinction. If we follow it, we are self-sentenced to a life of hard labor. It is no easy road to wealth.

Love of money is a human characteristic. It is common to all. Lawyers are not exempt from it. However, even our enemies make the distinction that lawyers are always willing to do their share in obtaining it, when they say that the lawyer's prayer is: "Oh, Lord, we do not ask Thee for riches; we only ask Thee to show us where they are." But in sober truth, the lawyer asks only his daily bread. He has faith that that will be given unto him, and for the rest he heeds the poet's words:

"O brethren of the legal faith, the world is growing old,  
But many a poem will still be writ  
and many a tale be told,  
And many issues still will rise, like mushrooms from their bed,  
To add a little butter to the lawyer's daily bread."

Therefore, we must reject all mercenary thoughts. If we would aspire to honorable distinction in this profession—and who of us does not cherish such dreams—we must heed only the call of the best that is in us. Before our eyes, its deep significance unblurred by covetous or ambitious promptings, must be the truth: "Ideals are worth while." That is the foundation upon which we must build—the great virtue of high

ideals—of unswerving loyalty to the spirit and traditions of the profession.

What, then, is its spirit?

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The law embodies the results of mankind's unceasing search for justice. In it has been preserved from age to age the precious distillate of the human intellect in its finest flower. Stronger than any fortress it guards the world's permanent achievements—the slow-bought gain of centuries—the rights and liberties for which men have labored and fought and died since dawn of time. It is the great heart of civilization, through whose arteries pulsate the forces of its life.

And as the law is a most vital and powerful agency for the advancement of society, so the fundamental idea of the legal profession is public service. "We lawyers are servants of society," says President Wilson. If that service is crowned with the visible rewards of success—as it sometimes is—if, like Solomon, we seek wisdom and the Lord grants riches as an incident, so much the better. But to the lawyer who is true to the spirit of his profession the ideals of service are the fundamental thing, even when a hindrance rather than a help in the pursuit of wealth. He loves his profession, not because from it he earns a livelihood, but because it satisfies his heart with the noblest work of which he is capable. Even though he may not be the great lawyer who lives in history, who solves questions and fights for principles that weave themselves around the liberties of the people, he knows that to promote justice is the high and useful duty which the daily pursuit of his profession involves, and he feels that to have even the slightest share therein is worthy of the loftiest ambition. It is sufficient that there is vouchsafed to him that enrichment of life—that enlargement of soul—that comes from unselfish service.

"The profession of the Bar," said Rufus Choate, one of America's greatest lawyers, "in all political systems and in all times has possessed a two-fold nature; it has seemed to be fired by the spirit of liberty, and yet to hold fast the sentiments of order and reverence and the duty of subordination; it has resisted despotism, and yet taught obedience; it has recognized and vindicated the rights of man, and yet



has reckoned it among the most sacred and most precious of these rights to be shielded and led by the divine nature and immortal reason of law."

We need not go back through the ages and trace in dusty archives its potent influence in securing and preserving liberty. We have ample proof in our own history. "America owes its love of liberty to its lawyers and the people who understand the principles of government," said Edmund Burke. Who can doubt that that knows aught of the achievements of American lawyers, which may be summed up in the pledge of the immortal Lincoln which every lawyer, as in truth every loyal American, has inscribed in his heart, the high resolve that "government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

Upon the lawyer, more heavily than upon any other citizen, rests the duty of preserving that government; of vigorous, unflinching battling for justice, good government, and all that makes for the nation's well-being; of sincere and devoted adherence to the lofty ideals that it strives to represent. In the fulfillment of this duty there is oftentimes required a courage akin to that of those who strive on stricken fields to uphold the country's honor. Sometimes, indeed, that greater courage which dares to fight against the popular will, which in its haste to accomplish speedily the desire of the moment would set aside the constitutional limitations essential to a government of law and disregard the rules established for the protection of the weak against the strong.

Never was it more necessary than now, when every unsatisfactory condition is laid at the door of the law and the courts, that every lawyer should be animated by lofty ideals, public spirit and patriotic fervor. The need of the day is respect for the law. The people will reverence the law when it is clothed in the majesty of justice. Law and life must harmonize. It is the lawyer's task to harmonize them by wise, comprehensive and prompt adaptation of law to economic, political and social changes. Here, with so many different races and nationalities uniting in the upbuilding of a great cosmopolitan citizenship, with the influx and growth of a noxious un-American element whose principle in action is the destruction of constitutional safeguards, with the rapidly augmenting power of aggregated wealth and the murmurings and unrest of

the toiling millions that follow from it, we are confronted with problems no less momentous than those which any people have ever faced, and upon the American lawyer rests the duty of intelligent leadership of an intelligent citizenship in their solution.

But while the lawyer's calling is of extreme public usefulness when properly pursued, it is a public nuisance when those talents which were nurtured for the public good are used to the public injury. It offers most ennobling incentives, but also most alluring and potent temptations. It affords almost equal scope for the best and the basest qualities in human nature. There will always be a few who misuse its privileges, and there will always be some people in every community who, judging all by these few, will believe that the law is an invention of his Satanic Majesty and the lawyer his faithful follower.

And perhaps we, more than others, need a true understanding of the spirit of the profession and firm resolution to be guided by it. It is well that we bear in mind what Gibbon says, in his History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, of the evil consequences of the degradation of advocacy in that great nation of antiquity, when

"The noble art, which had once been preserved as the inheritance of the patricians, was fallen into the hands of plebeians, who, with cunning rather than skill, exercised a sordid and pernicious trade."

Now in this land we have, theoretically, no patricians and no plebeians. All are equal. But we must admit that, as a practical matter, there is a sort of patrician class and that we who gain our education in the evening after a day's toil are not of it. That is not the patrician method of acquiring knowledge. No, we are plebeians. We are of the people. Yet we know we typify no less the free spirit of America, and that, with all humility, we may say its treasury lies in such ambitions as ours. The necessity of living may have led at times to conduct violative of the spirit of the profession, but necessity has also in every generation spurred men through toil and drudgery and self-sacrifice to splendid ultimate triumph, and we pledge our faith that this patrician art will in our hands be, not a means of chicanery, but of justice and right dealing.

We are coming into a position of vast responsibilities. But those who have gone before us in the practice

of this noble profession to which we hope soon to be admitted have left us a heritage of rich traditions to arouse our ambition, to stimulate our ardor, and to seal our devotion to its spirit and its ideals. And I believe I am truly speaking for you, my fellow-students, when I say that we have at heart the dignity and true worth of the profession; that while we rightfully value success we do not overvalue it, and in the desperate race toward the goal of professional distinction will never forget that it cannot be won by means despised and abhorred by honorable men; that we set out with a firm determination to be unknown rather than ill-known, to rise honestly if we rise at all; that we will make of the law no mere trade, but will observe its traditions and cultivate its spirit; that through the struggles and the stresses, the defeats and the triumphs of that unknown future to which Time beckons us, we will be deaf to appeals of ignoble self-interest and true lovers of our jealous mistress, the law.

## JUNIOR NOTES

### Hughes Going to Be Our Next President?

Coming from Indiana, we may be a trifle sanguine; but two to one is our offer, on a Hoosier for the Vice-President's chair. Do we get a call?

We were rather shocked, in glancing over the morning papers, to note that our Junior smoker was conspicuous in the society columns because of its absence. We were surprised and chagrined at the glaring, bold-faced type that wasn't there. What is the matter with the publicity man?

We also reluctantly leak the opinion that press representatives stayed aloof advisedly. Had a staff photographer appeared, we fear the "a" in staff would have been changed to "i," and the suffix "de'd." appended.

Augustus Kelly will sojourn for the summer vacation among the Mint Juleps of Mississippi.

Moore Peregrine is one of the Kent boys who left to help Uncle Sam in Mexico. He's going to give them the rule in Shelley's Case. He promises to send up some news from the firing line.

Mr. Kohn, owing to his recent success as Chairman of the Entertainment Committee of the Smoker given at the Sherman, is about to join the Ziegfeld forces in picking out the chorus for the new "Follies." Kohn's ability in this line was shown at the recent Junior Smoker.