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To
Our Adviser,
Instructor and Friend
RUFUS BODDINGHOUSE
We Respectfully
Dedicate
This
Book
In Memorium

By Walter B. Smith.

Richard W. Bodinghouse, instructor in real estate law at the Chicago-Kent College of Law, was born in Germany about 1857. His father was a prominent iron manufacturer operating a large factory, and the son was educated as are the sons of persons of wealth and position in Germany.

As a youth of 19, he came to this country with a party of friends to visit the Centennial Exposition held in Philadelphia in 1876, and with the spirit of adventure of that age joined with some of the party in an extended trip through this country including a hunting and camping trip which lasted two years and extended along the Rockies into Mexico. After this he returned to Germany and as was required of every young man in that country, entered the army as an under-officer. The iron discipline of this position not being in accordance with the spirit of free action, which perhaps had been fostered by his sojourn in America, he left Germany, returning to America by way of Holland. As this necessitated breaking with his family, he was forced to shift for himself and was thrown upon his own resources in a strange land. After traveling over a great part of the country he finally reached Chicago in 1886 and entered the employ of The Title Guarantee and Trust Company as a copyist and in that capacity his work was so exceedingly accurate that the corrections were almost unimportant and this accuracy together with the beautiful appearances of his handwriting opened to him the position of policy writer; all policies in those days being engrossed by hand. In April 1895, he commenced his work of examiner of titles and about this time he commenced the study of law, entered Chicago-Kent College of Law and graduated in 1896 with a degree of bachelor of laws and being the winner of the Callaghan Prize for that year. He progressed steadily in his position until he was made chief examiner of titles of The Chicago Title and Trust Company in 1909 and Secretary of the Company in 1912. From 1907 he was Professor of Real Estate Law and the law of abstracts and conveying in the Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Mr. Bodinghouse was always the hardest of hard workers; the greater difficulties in a problem spurred him to greater exertions and he was never satisfied until he had surmounted the difficulty and solved the problem. In his position with the Chicago Title and Trust Company, he probably had the distinction of solving for attorneys and real estate dealers more problems than any ten judges on the bench. No problem seemed too trivial and intricate for his attention and decision and the smaller problems were given equal care with the greatest. In his career as Professor of Law there have passed through his school of instruction about 1500 students, almost all of whom have been admitted to practice at the bar and many of whom have advanced to position of standing and importance and all of those testify to his excellence as a teacher.

During the last year his associates could see that Mr. Bodinghouse's health was failing and efforts were made to reduce his work but this did not overcome his temperament and it was hard to get him to cut down in any way his activities. He was a hard worker until the last day of his life and in fact on the evening
before his death he held his classes with his customary keenness of intellect. On Wednesday evening, March 3rd, he was stricken with a slight stroke of paralysis and died within two hours.

He left surviving, his widow and two sons, Sydney H. Bodinghouse and Emmons R. Bodinghouse, both of whom are engaged in commercial lines.

"Honor and shame from no condition rise, act well your part, there all the honor lies."

—R. C. Schiff.
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No, 'tis not true, that man
So great has passed away,
Take back thy untrue words
'Ere I shall to thee say:
Thou liest! Thou liest!

Was it not but yesterday
That I saw him live and laugh,
The fire of life still burning,
From which flew Knowledge as chaff
From a brightly glowing hearth;
Yet thou wouldst say, he is dead.
Begone 'ere from my harsh wrath
Thou shalt in terror have fled.

What thou sayest 'tis true
Our "Bodd" has passed away,
Then Knowledge and Wisdom
Are but the soul's array.
How sad and drear is this
Ne'er-to-be-forgotten Day.

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We earnestly hope that when ripe old age will come to us of Chicago-Kent, we may find some pleasure in a perusal of our halcyon days of youth.

These thoughts prompting us in the editing of this volume, we gladly send it forth upon such a mission.

Ye Editors,
By D. F. P.

"Success is one per cent. wish and ninety-nine per cent. work."
—John M. Cronin.

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History of Chicago Kent College of Law

We may safely say that the foundation of Chicago Kent College of Law dates from 1886 when about a dozen law clerks gathered in the office of the firm of Burke & Hollett, then located opposite the City Hall. These young men had as their object more extended study of law. Judge Thomas A. Moran was suggested as a director and instructor of the class, but declined because he felt that his duties were too pressing to undertake it at that time. Judge Bailey, Justice of the Appellate Court of the First District of Illinois, was finally selected and accepted the position. The success of the class soon became evident and other students came in in rapidly increasing numbers. More instructors were added and in 1888 the original quarters of the Chicago College of Law were established in the old Methodist Church block at Washington and Clark Streets.

In 1889 the College became the law department of Lake Forest University and continued as such until 1904. In that year the University had dissolved and the school resumed its original organization as a separate college for the study of law. It was the first law school in Illinois to require a three-year course for the degree of bachelor of laws. In 1892 the classes became so large that the school moved to the Athenæum Building on Van Buren Street and remained there until 1912, when it took up the present quarters in the Lake View Building.

In 1900 Kent College of Law, which had been founded in 1892, was joined with the Chicago College of Law and the institution from that time became known as the Chicago Kent College of Law. In the thirty-four years of its existence about six thousand men have graduated from its classes. Twenty-six hundred are practicing in Chicago and vicinity and the rest are spread throughout the entire United States. The quality of the instruction has followed the growth of the school and the distinction which hundreds of its graduates bear is the best evidence of the profound success that the school has had from its very beginning.

"Abolish fear and you can accomplish whatever you wish."
—HERBERT T. MATHIESEN.
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"To thine ownself be true and thou canst not then be false to any man."
—M. H. Daniels.
Why should we yet our sail unfurl?
There is not a breath the blue wave to curl.
But, when the wind blows off the shore,
O, sweetly we'll rest our weary oar.
Blow, breezes, blow, the stream runs fast,
The rapids are near and the daylight's past.