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DUTIES OF LEGAL PROFESSION

Discussion of Theme By
Judge George W. Wheeler

Duty of Righting the Wrongs of the Poor—Contingent Fees—Duties of Grievance Committees—A Very Interesting Speech

At the recent annual banquet of the Litchfield County bar, in Winsted, Judge George W. Wheeler was the special guest of honor. In part, he said:

There are wrongs to be redressed, rights to be obtained by suitors who are too poor to employ and properly reward the advocate. Turn them not away. The young lawyer who will refuse such service may never hope for the highest distinction of the profession for character is as indispensable a requisite to win these as is wisdom, learning or talent, and character builds faster and surer, on unselfish service than on aught else.

The old lawyer, no matter how high his place, or great his consequence, who is unwilling to give a reasonable amount of his service for the helpless and the oppressed is he, who asks, first of all, what can I get from my client, rather than what can I do for my client.

Kind service brings its own best reward in the joy of the service; yet it has a way of returning for true generosity is never lost, and gratitude lives among all peoples and for all times.

It is common to hear unpleasant speech of the cause taken a contingent fee; to note a certain looking down upon attorneys who accept certain classes of cases on such a basis. So much this prevalent opinion ten hear of lawyers in our larger communities speak in apologetic tone of their employment in behalf of the plaintiff in a negligence action.

I sometimes fear this view has touched in a measure the bench. The search for such clients, the improper efforts to win success, the exaggeration of the ill complained of, the humbug and the pretence, and the interest of the attorney in the outcome of the case, in many instances one of all proportion to the service to be rendered, have charged the atmosphere surrounding these cases with something akin to suspicion, and where suspicion and distrust are not bred, often the taste is offended, and that, with the cultivated, is as serious as a major crime.

The things that bespeak improper zeal, and a too intense interest, and methods that cheapen, and practices which lower and things which offend, are not altogether of the plaintiff's making. Where is justice? That is the mission of judge and lawyer. To see that these evils are remedied wherever they exist, to frown upon them, to invent methods which shall prevent the bringing of palpably flimsy actions, and if need be, to eradicate by stern and relentless penalty.

To present to Grievance Committee the wrongs you know of, to aid in ferreting them out and to support and sustain them in the way that regulate the fees to be charged in contingent cases, and to stop deprecation upon the poor, through the practice of excessive charges in this class of cases in short to do the work which duty calls to do and to do it well.

And to recognize the fact that many of the causes of the poor would perish unless the fee of the advocate is to depend on the outcome of the case. For these are so multitudinous that no profession could undertake them wholly in charity.

And then, to create a public opinion at the bar to which every judge and every lawyer must yield, where there is more honorable service than in the advocacy of the cause of the poor to whom the law of the land has given a just cause of action, who are themselves helpless to secure their rights without the strong arm of that profession whose chief glory has been and must be to succor the weak and lift the oppressed and track to cover ill-doing and without the sympathetic support of the bench, sympathetic, I say, to the just, and justice, that every measure of justice shall come to the weak as to the strong, no more and no less.

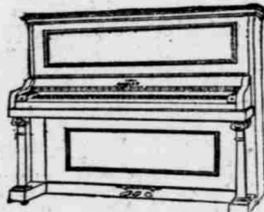
Our joint duty is to keep the procedure of justice that it may work out its ends effectively and nobly.

The lawyer is the complement to the judge. "Eye cannot see, ear cannot hear, I have no need of thee." It is a pleasure to recall, a short time ago a lawyer of Buffalo acting in connection with the Secretary of the New York State Bar Association for the purpose of securing data for a magazine article, sent to a number of attorneys in the different states certain questions, among them these: "Are your judges competent and impartial, and have they the confidence of the bar and public?" And their replies were stated thus: "The most favorable reports, as to the character and ability of the judges and freedom from political considerations in their selection came from states having the appointive system, amongst which Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New Jersey are conspicuous." And if similar inquiries concerning the bar were sent to the judges of the several states I am sure the replies would be as favorable to the bar of our own state, for the bar as a whole is sound, upright and capable.

Our profession touches human life at every side. The lawyer mingles in its stream and in all its activities bears a vital and a controlling part. He learns the wants and desires of all classes of men and society and he unfolds and interprets their will. The judge benefits by his close contact with life's moving affairs, and in his advocacy finds the rule of law which best suits the situation before him.

The efficiency and the justice of our laws depend upon the bar as much as upon the bench. Each must, before all, have an inherent love of justice. Intellect alone does not make either a great judge or a great lawyer. Each needs a full measure of courage; the lawyer to withstand the temptations of commercialism—a retainer to secure something done which is knowingly against truth and justice; the judge to withstand the unconscious and insidious influences of association, and of the common sentiment of society, pulling against the rights of the individual, and for the encroachment upon those rights by society, by organized capital and organized labor.

Our high privilege is it to maintain and defend liberty and property, the dearest rights of men and the surest prop of society. Ours the opportunity to help fashion government and mould the civilization of our day. From the profession of the law comes the judiciary and to it, it belongs; thus, the administration of justice is in the keeping of the legal profession and each of the other two departments of government is defined restricted and limited by her, and Justice is the great interest of man on earth, and the ligament which holds civilized beings and civilized nations together.



How to Select Your Christmas Piano

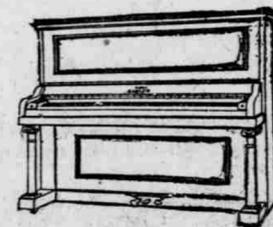
The first thing to do is to select a house which you know to be thoroughly reliable—a house of permanence—a house that is established—that has a permanent place in the business of the city—that is known for the reliability of the instrument it sells. Then purchase from that house as high grade Piano as you possibly can—a Piano of a standard make—a Piano with a reputation for reliability and durability—and then you will be sure of satisfaction.

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Jersey City, N. J., November 30, 1909.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of The American Sugar Refining Company will be held in the office of the Company, at the corner of Washington and Essex Streets, Jersey City, on Wednesday, January 13th, 1910, at twelve o'clock noon, for the transaction of such business as shall come before the meeting, including the ratification of by-laws of the Company, in which the number of directors is increased from nine to eleven, and for the election of three directors in place of W. B. Thomas, C. H. Senff and Henry E. Niese, whose terms will then expire, the election of one director to succeed John Mayer who has resigned his office, and the election of two directors to increase the board in accordance with the new by-laws. Mr. Senff has declined re-election.

If you are unable to be present at the meeting be kind enough to sign and return the within proxy which, unless otherwise directed, will be voted for the re-election of Messrs. Thomas and Niese, the election of Mr. Samuel C. Hooker of Philadelphia, and of Mr. Edwin S. Marston of New York, Mr. Edwin F. Atkins of Boston, and Mr. Samuel Carr of Boston, the last three names being the selection of the New England stockholders.

Hon. Richard Olney and Mr. Gilmer Clapp, both of Boston, and Mr. Stephen S. Palmer of New York have consented to act as a Proxy Committee, these names, as well as those mentioned for directors, having been agreed upon by the leading interests among stockholders.

The transfer books will be closed on Friday, December 16th, at three P. M., and reopened on Thursday, January 13th, 1910, at ten A. M.

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