

THE FINAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION.

Paper by Judge Graham, of Tazewell.—The Association Adjourns—Grand Banquet at the Hygea—The Toasts, &c.

OLD POINT COMFORT, July 14.—[Special.]—The meeting was opened this morning by the president introducing Judge Samuel C. Graham, of Tazewell county, who read a paper entitled "A Critique of the Profession Reviewed."

The article reviewed has attracted much attention, and has been mercilessly criticized by many of the brightest members of the bright profession the author had the temerity to attack.

Judge Graham's effort is not behind the best of the replies yet made. To prove the falsity of the charges made he gives a slight but philosophical sketch of the origin of municipal law as now applied to the government of civilized nations and showed its great principles to be the foundation of all human liberty, whether governmental or institutional, and that those who were its enemies could not, from the very nature of their work, as a class, be either dishonest or unjust.

He admitted that as in every other profession, not excepting the ministry, there were some exceptions to the great general rule, but declared that he spoke "only of those who appreciate and elevate their high office."

The author, he said, repudiated the idea that he intended his attack only upon the disreputable members, yet the criticism shows that it is one of a class that he knows, and writes of one of such a class that he knows.

After reviewing by sections much of the article, Judge Graham said: "Could it be successfully demonstrated that the lawyer and his works are immoral and dishonest, how many great faults along the march of time would go down. The germ of human liberty planted in the ancient common nationality of Southern Europe was the work of the lawyer and the law."

"From the time of the great Court of the Atrypans, lawyers have waged a relentless war upon tyrants and tyranny, and to their courage enlightened nations owe their guaranty of civil liberty."

"The universal freedom now enjoyed under the British crown is the result of the constant work of lawyers, the declaration of independence, the divine oracle which inspired the written constitutions of the republic and each of the States, was the conception of a lawyer."

His closing sentences were very fine, and the whole essay was scholarly and much admired.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—The unfinished business of the Association was taken up, announcements of the standing committees were read by the president and the meeting adjourned.

Much praise has been bestowed upon Mr. F. H. McGuire, chairman of the executive committee, and Mr. Jackson Gray, secretary and treasurer, for the systematic and admirable management of the affairs of the Association and the success of this delightful reunion.

MENU FOR THE BANQUET.—The following is the menu: Clear green turtle soup. Olives. Amantillado.

Sheep's head a la Creole. Potatoes chateau. Cucumbers. Chateaux yquem.

Fried soft crabs, sauce tartare. Sliced tomatoes, Mayonnaise.

Filet of beef with mushrooms. Hashed brown potatoes. Potent Canel.

Lamb chops a la Villeroi. Sweet pickles. Sweet bread in cases. Pommeury sec.

Roman punch. Cigarettes. Diplomatic pudding. Sauce, sabayon. Fruit. Fancy cream. Harlequin ice cream. Roquefort with Gruyere biscuits.

Café noir. Cigars. THE BANQUET.—The banquet took place last night at 10 o'clock in the large dining-room of the Hygea, around the windows of which many ladies watched from the outside.

Mr. Tucker presided with grace and dignity, coupled with that irresistible humor which his colleagues all enjoy, and the elegant menu was fully appreciated by the lawyers, occupying about two hours in serving.

The manager was particularly careful to give the best attention and service and the dinner was complete and delightful.

THE TOASTS.—1. The Hon. Daniel B. Lucas.—Poet, Orator, Advocate and Judge.—Hon. D. B. Lucas, West Virginia.

2. The Judiciary.—The greatest scourge an angry heaven ever inflicted upon an ungrateful and sinning people is an ignorant, corrupt or a dependent judiciary.—Hon. Holmes Conrad, Winchester, Va.

3. The Old Virginia Country Lawyer.—Exemplar of fidelity to duty, of profound study of legal principles and of honorable conduct to bench, bar, clients and country.—Mr. John Hunter, Richmond, Norfolk, Va.

4. The Young Bar of Virginia.—With better opportunity of profound learning than their predecessors, may they with their example and such opportunities place the Bar of Virginia in the front ranks of the country.—Judge Theodore S. Garnett, Norfolk, Va.

5. The Professional Juror.—They have been jurymen since before Noah was a sailor.—Mr. G. Carlton Jackson, Richmond, Va.

6. The Commissioner in Chancery and His Watch.—Vigilantibus non dormitibus, equitas subvenit.—Mr. Robert M. Hughes, Norfolk, Va.

7. Infants, Married Women and Insane Persons.—Anachronism which may become by reform in the near future infants, Married Men and Insane Persons.—Judge R. T. W. Duke, Charlottesville.

8. Our Clients and Fees.—Piecemeal we win this our first, then that, glean and gather up the whole estate.—Hon. William A. Little, Fredericksburg, Va.

9. Justice of the Peace.—Mr. Randolph Harrison, Lynchburg.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.—Among the distinguished guests present were: Governor McKinney and members of the Virginia Oyster Commission; Colonel Frank, commandant of the post, and Captain Davis, of the fort.

CHARMING LADIES.—Among the attractive young ladies attending the Bar Association: Misses Netta Potts, Mary Williams, Lucie Lewis, Mary Potts, Mrs. Day, Bessie Fantouery, Lucy Ibb, Lalla Harrison, Constance Tunstall, Mary Payne, Mary Looney, Jennie Vandegrift, Duanean Williams and Mrs. John H. Lewis, Mrs. John Hunter, Mrs. Conway Sande, Mrs. Judge Lewis, Mrs. Charles erton, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. James Pleasants, Mrs. Charles Montague, Mrs. Charles Blackford Hughes, Mrs. Thomas Parrish, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. James Edmunds and Mrs. Minor Lieke Henry Grady, Mrs. Miriam Woods, Mrs. Conway W. Sande, Mrs. S. V. Perkins, Mrs. Mrs. Hawse, Mrs. George D. V. South, Mrs. Louis Hankel, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. J. H. Figgat, Mrs. Judge Whittle, Mrs. Judge Mann, Mrs. John H. Guy, Mrs. W. O. Old, Mrs. McKenney, Mrs. General Williams, Mrs. W. J. Wilson, Mrs. Judge Paul.

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