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ADDRESS OF
PRESIDENT POGUE

Before the formal meeting of the Bar Association begins, I wish to direct your attention to the fact that since our last meeting in January we have lost one of the ablest members of our bar, one of the most courageous public officials, and one of the most lovable of men—a predecessor in office and President of the Cincinnati Bar Association. I, therefore, ask that the members of this Bar arise and stand in respectful reverence on account of the death of John Galvin. (All members arose and remained standing for a few minutes.)

We will now proceed to the order of business of the meeting. I hope the reports of the Committees will be short. There is much to be taken care of this evening; we are going to hear from our fifty-year members, and I trust there will not be a single person leave this room until we have heard of or from every one of them. I know that all the members of the Bar present appreciate what is proper on this occasion.

The first in the order of business is the reading of the minutes. (Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.)

Here followed the reports of the various committees.

President Pogue—Is there anything else to be introduced under the subject of miscellaneous business?

Mr. Allen (Alfred G.)—There lies tonight at Christ Hospital, in this city, a former Judge of our Common Pleas Court, a member of this Bar Association, Honorable Moses Wilson; he is very ill and helpless, and I would like to make a motion that we extend to him our felicitations on the meeting of the Association on its fiftieth anniversary, and let him know that we still remember him.

Mr. O' Hara—I second that motion.

President Pogue—I might add that Judge Wilson was a former President of this Association. (The motion was put and unanimously carried.)

President Pogue—If there is nothing else under the subject of miscellaneous business, we will now proceed to the real order of business of this meeting.

A little over fifty years ago there was organized in this city the Cincinnati Bar Association. The original record is in the possession of the secretary of this Association. It will be a pleasure to every member present, to take the time, as a matter of interest, to look at the names on the original roster. When I view them, and see the types of men that started in to accomplish what I feel this Bar has always maintained, the highest position in the profession in the United States, we can readily see why its foundation was so important, and why we have been so remarkably influenced by the type of men who founded that organization.

Out of in the neighborhood of one hundred members, as nearly as I can find from the records, who constituted that organization in the first year of its existence, there are living today nineteen members. The oldest is Mr. E. P. Bradstreet, nearly ninety-three years of age. He is present with us tonight (applause). Mr. Bradstreet, I would like for you to stand.

(Mr. Bradstreet arises.) (Applause.)

I want the younger members of this Bar, like Governor Harmon (laughter) and Robert Fulton, to know that at the last term of court, Mr. Bradstreet tried a case in Judge Caldwell's room. From what the Judge tells me the opposing counsel had no chance, for as soon as they looked at Mr. Bradstreet the jury concluded that whatever was right or wrong in the case Bradstreet had to win, and so he won. (Laughter and applause.)

I wish to direct your attention to the fact that of the original roster of nineteen, ten are present here tonight. (Applause.) Perhaps some of the younger members of this Bar do not know all of these men, and I would, therefore, like to have them arise as I call their names. Four of those men are at this table, sitting right in front of you. They are Governor Harmon

(applause), Judge Buchwalter (applause), Charles B. Wilby (applause), and Edward Colston (applause). The others are E. P. Bradstreet, Judge Clement L. Bates, Charles H. Stephens, Sr., W. C. Cochran, Robert Fulton, and W. H. Mackoy, seated at a table in front of the speakers of the evening. (Applause.)

In the formation of this organization the principle, which was predominant in its foundation, was embodied in this clause of the Constitution:

“The objects of the Association are, to maintain the honor and dignity of the Profession of the Law, to cultivate social intercourse and acquaintance among the members of the bar, and to increase their usefulness in aiding the administration of justice and in promoting legal reform. But it shall not be a part of the business of the Association to discuss, or to take action upon questions of politics or of religion.”

If any one will read the minutes through from that time to this, he will find that the provisions of that part of the Constitution have been fought over as many times as the Volstead Act. (Laughter.) Still, they upheld things in those days that the Volstead Act prohibits.

At one of the early sessions of this Association there was a very bitter debate between George Hoadly on one side and Rufus King and Mr. Stanbery on the other, as to whether they should have anything of an intoxicating nature to drink at meetings of the Association, and I might say that the spirit of Mr. King prevailed and the wets carried it.

Now, we come to the consideration of the main part of our program, to listen to those who have very kindly consented to address us on this anniversary. I am not going to attempt to introduce them with any formal speech, because, with the exception of two or three, they are residents of our city, and well known to you.

The one who is first on the list of speakers tonight has not been able to be here on account of illness. I have this wire from him, Mr. Severance, President of the American Bar Association, which I would like to read to the Association:

Fiftieth Anniversary

St. Paul, Minn., April 17, 1922.

Province M. Pogue,

First National Bank Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

It is with infinite regret that I am compelled to wire you that I cannot be in Cincinnati Wednesday night, having been ill in bed since Saturday morning, and being prohibited by the doctor from attempting to get out in time to reach your dinner. This is very exasperating, but unavoidable. Please convey to the members of your association the greetings of the American Bar Association, which I had expected to present in person. The Cincinnati Bar has contributed to the nation so many distinguished jurists and lawyers that the mere recital of their names would be tedious. The exalted positions now filled by members of your Association demonstrate that the present generation is maintaining the high traditions of your Bar. Am writing you more fully.

C. A. SEVERANCE.

I now take pleasure in introducing to those who have not had the good fortune to hear him, Honorable Curtis E. McBride, President of the Bar Association of the State of Ohio. (Applause.)