

It is a privilege to endorse what has been said of Charles H. Lee, and to direct its enrollment upon the records of our court.

Charles H. Lee was a strong lawyer - by nature, by association with great lawyers and by extensive, comprehensive reading and thinking. He had not engaged in general practice for many years - turning rather, by choice as well as by circumstance, to the management of large estates and important business affairs for others - which trusts he administered with the strictest fidelity and marked efficiency. He was regarded by all who knew him not only as a safe but also as an unusually expert counselor. He was a draughtsman of unusual ability. He was intellectually keen, exact, logical, and in all things methodical. He was a scholarly man. His standing as a lawyer was very high. His integrity unquestioned and unimpeachable. Mr. Lee ever maintained lively and appreciative interest in national affairs and more than was commonly supposed

in local civic matters. Few men are as well, as widely and as precisely informed as was he. He was an omnivorous reader and blessed with a wonderfully retentive, ready and useful memory. Mr. Lee did not mingle with men commonly - not because he did not wish to, but because he lacked the faculty of doing so freely and easily. While his manner might be thought somewhat brusque, at times, by those who did not understand him, he did not feel or intend it so. He craved the common companionship of men, repeatedly endeavored to achieve it, and to give of himself as men ordinarily do to one another. Although his efforts to this end were appreciated and welcomed by those ^{with} whom he thus undertook to associate, being extremely sensitive and overly self-conscious of his shortcomings in this regard, he failed to realize to any considerable extent his longings for ordinary good fellowship. Naturally he turned to his books, with which his home was filled, for companionship, and here, with few exceptions, he found his intimate friends. With them he sat daily and thus communed freely with the great minds of all the ages. He well understood Wordsworth's lines:

"Books, we know, are a substantial world, both pure and good;
Round these, with tendrils strong as flesh and blood,
Our pastime and ~~our~~ happiness will grow;"

and Milton's tribute that "A good book is the precious life-blood of a master-spirit embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond a life."

Those who knew him best may almost hear him

say, with Francis Bennoch; I love my books! They are companions dear, "Sterling in worth, in friendship most sincere; Here talk I with the wise of ages gone, And with the nobly gifted in our own."

His appreciation of these friends is well described in the words of our fellow-townsmen, the Reverend John Wesley Carter, in writing of "Friends in Books," when he says: "They almost daily come and sit with us. Never does one come uninvited, nor intrude upon our time. Here we select ~~and~~ our companions, and as fast as we climb to their plane of vision, the noblest souls of earth come and sit beside us without scorn or condescension. Friends of a day come and go but books are constant companions. They illumine our loneliest and darkest hours and bring comfort from afar. They build houses for our souls to live in - houses built in thought. I thank God for books because they open golden doors and lead us into starry spaces. It is possi-

ble for us to have intimate acquaintance with the great souls who have written the world's literature; who have done the world's work; painted its canvases; built its cathedrals; made its laws; sung its songs. This great host gathers around the fireside in every household library, and not only do they welcome us to their mystic circle, but impart to us the best that they have thought and felt. Time and chance may leave us friendless and alone with those who walk in flesh, but there comes trooping down the ages the choicest souls whose faces and voices fill the invisible circle of our lives with a fellowship which grows rich and beautiful with communion."

I knew Mr. Lee in legal and business affairs, and socially, for many years. During most of that time it was my pleasure to see and walk with him frequently as we went to our respective places of business, and to discuss many and varied matters with him, and to enjoy his store of knowledge. I miss him as a neighbor and we all miss him as a fellow lawyer.

Although coming to the Bar at a somewhat later time than Marshall M. Strong, Horace T. Sanders, Henry T. Fuller, William A. Lyon, John W. Cary, Charles E. Dyer, George

B. Judd, John T. Fish and others who constituted the ~~strong~~
early Bar of Racine, nevertheless he was in such proxim-
ity to them that he may be said to have been a near con-
temporary of a Bar than which Wisconsin never knew strong-
er. Of the members of the Bar in the years of Mr. Lee's
early practice but ~~three~~³, I believe survive - ~~Judge H. O.~~
~~Hand~~, Chief Justice John B. Winslow and Mr. Frederick
Ullman. ^{Mr A. G. Judd,} The personal ties connecting us with those
strong lawyers of ~~our~~ early days are nearly sundered.
Mr. Lee lived carefully and well. It seemed as though
life still held for him a considerable measure of years,
comfort and enjoyment; but the inscrutable summons came
and, We may say as Longfellow said of his friend Bryant:
"Thou hast but taken thy lamp and gone to bed. I wait a
little longer, as one waits to cover up the embers that
still burn."

We say these few words as but feeble expression of our
esteem for Charles H. Lee, esteem greater, perhaps than
he or we before realized; and we offer them as we would
place sprigs of rosemary upon his last resting place -
for remembrance.

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J O H N T H E O D O R E W E N T W O R T H

(1854 - 1916)

JOHN THEODORE WENTWORTH

1854 - 1916

The subject of the Memorial which we present today, JOHN THEODORE WENTWORTH, son of the late Judge John T. Wentworth and Frances McD. Wentworth his wife, was born at Saratoga Springs, New York, on the 13th day of January, 1854, and here at the City of Racine, on September 19, 1916, he embarked upon that last long voyage which the late Charles Frohman, standing at its verge, pronounced to be life's most beautiful adventure.

By right he should have been born a Badger, since his parents coming from the East had settled some time before at the village of Geneva in this State, on the lake similarly named, both of which, village and lake, were christened by a New York surveyor after the city and lake of Geneva in his own State; - but fortune so ordered it that he made his advent during a visit of his mother to her old home in Saratoga, and so he missed, by this accidental circumstance, being a native born son of Wisconsin.

His boyhood and early school days were spent at the little inland village which his parents had chosen for their home, - now grown to the dignity of a city and renamed Lake Geneva, - and there as a student he gave evidence of the possession of mental endowments above the average and his school record was full of promise.

In January, 1871, the family removed to Elkhorn, the county seat of Walworth County, from the High School of which he graduated a year or two later. After finishing his High School course, he was at first disinclined to pursue his studies further and obtained a position in a clock factory at New Haven, Connecticut where he remained only a short time, but from which he brought home, as proof of his proficiency, a large hall clock which is still doing service in the family after the hands which fashioned it have ceased to perform their function.

In the atmosphere of New Haven, Mr. Wentworth inhaled a desire for learning and a professional career which brought him home and led to his entering Beloit College. About this time, his father

became Judge of the First Judicial Circuit, which position he held until succeeded by the present Chief Justice Winslow. After two years at Beloit, the subject of this sketch entered Yale University, and he graduated from that institution with the class of 1879. Contemporary with him in the University were many notable men, among them ex-president, Wm. H. Taft, who was in the class of 1878, and in his own class, Lloyd W. Bowers, one time General Counsel of the Chicago & Northwestern Ry. Co. and afterward named as Solicitor General of the United States, Timothy Woodruff, later Lieutenant Governor of New York, E. A. Bowers, connected with the Interior Department, Bureau of Public Lands, MacGrane Cox, diplomat, and Poultney M. Bigelow, famous diplomat as well as a writer of distinction.

Leaving Yale, Mr. Wentworth entered the offices of Sloan, Stevens & Morris at Madison, as a student and was in due time admitted to practice as a lawyer. There was then no Board of Examiners in this State, but when one was created some years later, Mr. Wentworth was appointed as a member and filled the place efficiently and with credit. Subsequently and with the aid of the Racine County Bar, he became Secretary to Judge Schoonmaker of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the duties of which office took him to Washington. While engaged in that work, he prepared and published a statistical book bearing upon the subject. Still later, he became associated with the legal department of J. V. Farwell & Co. at Chicago, Illinois, and then with the law firm of Flower, Smith & Musgrave of that City. Family circumstances brought him back to Racine, where he engaged in general practice, but before finally settling down here, though at just what period of time we are unable to state, with accuracy, he was compelled in the search for health to go to Colorado where he was for a time engaged in mining and afterward associated with a law firm at Silverton. Judge Wentworth, his father, died in 1893, and since that event he has lived almost continuously here in Racine until his recent death.

Speaking of him as brethren may of one departed, with

a frank and thoughtful survey of his career and an honest purpose to appraise his worth, we feel that we can truthfully say he was in many respects unusually gifted. He was a student always and an industrious and discriminating reader and, having an exceptional memory, his learning was really prodigious, in fact, almost encyclopaedic. Whatever subject he became interested in he studied thoroughly and what he read his tenacious memory retained, and that not in a general and vague sort of way, as is the case with so many of us, but with such clearness and detail that he was able to converse intelligently and with fluency upon almost any subject which might be mentioned in his presence. Few college men, we venture to say, could as well as he recall after thirty years their Greek and Latin Classics, while at the same time keeping abreast of modern progressive thought and scientific discovery.

He possessed an indomitable will which led him at the age of nearly 45 to undertake and master the art of writing shorthand, and, during the last years of his life, to attempt and even attain some proficiency in the study of Spanish.

He was thoroughly honest and dependable, a faithful and dutiful son and brother, and a loyal friend, - as a citizen he was intelligent, upright and earnest and always regardful of what he deemed to be the public interest and betterment. He was interested in political reforms and was especially active and rendered valuable help in establishing the Australian ballot system in this State. He held for several years the office of Justice of the Peace in this city, until the work of the Justice's Courts was largely supplanted by the Municipal Court of Racine County, the bill for which he mainly drafted.

He was of an extremely nervous temperament and this together with ill health with which he was afflicted for many years, constituted a serious handicap in the battle of life, without which his well known talent, great industry and marked learning would surely have won him a distinguished place in legal circles. In the cases which

came to him professionally he was so earnest and so identified himself with the interest of his client that he became wholly absorbed in the result and held in light regard the element of personal emolument. Legal contests wore upon him and set his nervous organization "upon edge" as it were, and latterly he had largely withdrawn from practice and devoted himself to the business of making abstracts of title. While always conscious of his ability, and not lacking in self-confidence, he never sought to put himself in the limelight, but was content to follow the more sequestered paths in life, doing quietly those things which fell to his lot and giving to each the best that was in him.

And so, having attempted in brief to trace the story of his life and portray his character and attainments as they have appeared to us, his contemporaries, we bid farewell to still another of the ever lessening circle of our older practitioners, being reminded once more of those old, old words of the poet:

"Leaves have their time to fall
And flowers to wither at the North wind's breath,
And stars to set: - but all,
Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death."

But in the grief which stirs all our hearts on such an occasion as this, we may turn for consolation to the lines of another loved poet who sings in triumphant notes:

"There is no Death ! What seems so is
transition,
This life of mortal breath
Is but the suburb of the life elysian,
Whose portal we call Death."

And surely, we may indulge the hope that in the country that lies beyond that portal the great talent which our departed brother possessed will find fitting employment and his merit due reward.

John D. Simmons
Wm. S. Taylor
Chas. Kumpke
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

Racine, Wisconsin,

July 14, 1919.

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT, MUNICIPAL AND
COUNTY COURT OF RACINE COUNTY, AND
TO THE RACINE BAR ASSOCIATION.

We have come together this day because the hand of death has again invaded our ranks. The oldest practicing member of our Bar has been stricken from our roll, and we have come to honor his memory.

A. Cary Judd was born in Frankford, New York, April 6th, 1850, and was the son of George B. Judd, who for many years was one of the greatest practitioners at the Racine County Bar. The older members of the bar can well remember the father, who died in this City January 23, 1883. He was a lawyer of the old school, and the records of the courts of this County show that he participated in some of the most important litigations ever brought before the courts of this County.

A. Cary Judd was educated in the public schools of Racine, supplemented by a two years course in Racine College, and in the year 1870 began reading law in his father's office; two years later he was admitted to the Bar. For fifty years he occupied the same offices and was an active practitioner at this bar. In the year 1874 he was appointed to the position of Court Commissioner, which position he held for thirty-six years. He also served as a Justice of the Peace for several terms, and for two years was a member of the Board of Public Works

of the City of Racine. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter, to-wit: Randall Judd of Chicago, Charles Judd in the Military Service of the United States at the present time, and Mrs. Mabel C. Kring of Tennessee. He was a member of the Episcopal Church; a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Modern Woodmen of America.

A. Cary Judd was not an orator, but was a man of very simple tastes and habits, given to no dissipation of any kind; of rather a retiring disposition. The younger members of the Bar do not know him well because of this disposition. He was a large hearted sympathetic dispositioned man, very generous in his estimate of his fellow-men; too apt to hold himself inferior to others. He was a very public spirited man in his service of his fellows, as was evidenced repeatedly by his accepting public office with no remuneration, or such small remuneration as to make it necessary for him to sacrifice himself in the service of his fellow-men. He was very valuable to such office, as much so if he were paid extravagantly. He was one of the first men to serve on the Board of Public Works, and his services to the tax payers of the City were very valuable. He was a man who was very handy with anything. In that service he thought nothing of making repairs with his own hands late at night or Sundays, which were done to prevent injury or accidents to people on the highway.

Many incidents come to the mind of the writer when he served the public faithfully and at great inconvenience to himself. In his service he could not be driven from a position he thought to be right, no matter how much ridicule or sarcasm might be hurled at him. When he

thought he was right he insisted on going through to the end. His services on the Board of Education was one of the most valuable ever rendered to the City of Racine at any time, and he seemed very glad to make the sacrifices for the purpose of benefiting the youth in their educational facilities. The hour was never too late for him to remain at School ^{Board Meetings} to see that the work was all ~~done~~ ^{concluded}; no matter how important his business he readily turned his back upon it to attend to the school needs, without any compensation.

A. Cary Judd's services as a Justice of the Peace was at great personal sacrifice to himself, but he gave the matters his close attention even to the details, and with the same degree of persistence as if the matters before him were the most waiting matters that were to come before the Circuit Court.

As a practitioner he was not brilliant, but faithful to his duties, always attending to his work and persistently following the same to the best interests of his clients, as he saw it. He not always did justice to himself, and the reimbursements he ~~charged~~ ^{asked} for his services was many times, not enough to pay for the actual time involved, much less sufficient to pay him for the professional services rendered.

A. Cary Judd was a Christian gentleman of the old school, a genuine Christian, faithful to every duty. As a Christian he was broad, but serviceable. Broad enough to let every man worship as his conscience dictated, and faithful enough to pursue his own belief regardless of criticism or ridicule. He was a firm believer in fraternal societies. His dealings with his frater brothers

was sincere and affectionate. No man in this State ever visited a sick brother more faithfully. It mattered not to him whether the man was of high or low estate, to him he was a brother. Many homes to-day have to thank him for consolation in the hour of affliction and bereavement. Whenever sorrow and bereavement entered a home, A. Cary Judd's heart went out, and he did not hide it under a booklet.

He was a kind and indulgent husband and father, rapt up in his family. No family in Racine had a more faithful husband and father than A. Cary Judd. If he had enemies, they were people who did not understand him. For wrongs done to him, he was charitable and big-hearted, neither did he resent ill-treatment, as so many of us are apt to. His was a long serviceable life, and he merited not only the honors that were showered upon him, but the success which he attained in life. To-day we can all of us truly say, "He was faithful to his duty".

A. Cary Judd deserved to be more popular with his fellow practitioners. At the time of his death he was Vice President of the Racine County Bar Association, an honor he well merited, and by refusing to fill the vacancy for the ensuing year, our Bar has shown the respect which we have for his memory.

It is fitting that at the close of these exercises we should, out of respect to the memory of A. Cary Judd, adjourn court for the day. It is also fitting that a picture of our deceased brother, A. Cary Judd, be procured and placed upon the walls of this room, which he has greatly honored in his life time. As the years roll on and death calls us away, we will all of us be many times reminded

of his presence, and we will all of us have
profited by our associations with him.

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Albert B. Hand

COMMITTEE.

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WHEREAS, the Divine Providence in His Infinite Wisdom, has seen fit to take from our midst, our beloved frater, A. Cary Judd, who has been a practicing member of this Bar for nearly fifty years,

AND, WHEREAS, we recognize a great loss in the death of our frater, A. Cary Judd, to the Racine Bar;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That as a mark of our respect to his memory, we do move that the Circuit Court, the Municipal Court and the County Court of Racine County, be adjourned for the day;

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a picture of the said deceased, A. Cary Judd, be procured and hung up in a appropriate place upon the wall of the Circuit Court room;

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we do deeply sympathize with the widow and family of the said deceased in the hour of their bereavement, and that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of the said A. Cary Judd.

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John C. Johnson

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