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In Memoriam

William Trickett

RESOLUTION OF THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

William Trickett, Esq., Dean of the Dickinson School of Law, died suddenly shortly after nine o'clock on the morning of August 1, 1928, aged eighty-eight years.

Admitted to the Bar of Cumberland County in 1875, he was its oldest living member, and, without disparagement of any of his illustrious predecessors, in point of legal scholarship and authorship, its most distinguished member.

His professional career was as unique in the scope of his many legal works on various branches of the law as it was long in duration of time. Dying at the ripe age of eighty-eight years, his mental vigor and intellectual power remained unimpaired until his death.

The active practice of the law did not prove congenial to Dr. Trickett's temperament, and after his admission to the Bar of Cumberland County his appearance in its several courts was infrequent, although his services as a consultant were frequently sought. He found a more congenial field of effort in legal authorship. His assiduous labors along this line resulted in the production of the many text books which bear his name, and which have won his recognition as one of the country's foremost legal authorities. In 1881 he produced in two volumes the "Law of Liens" in Pennsylvania, and in 1891 an additional volume on the same subject; in 1884 the "Law of Limitations" and the "Law of Assignments"; in 1893 the "Law of Boroughs", to which he added a supplementary volume in 1898; in 1894 the "Law of Highways"; in 1900 the "Law of Guardians" and the "Law of Partition"; in 1901 the "Law of Witnesses"; in 1904 the "Law of Landlord and Tenant"; and in 1908 two volumes "Pennsylvania Criminal Law". He was a frequent contributor to the "American Law Review", the "Dickinson Law Review", and the "Columbia Law Review".

In 1890, through the efforts of the late Hon. W. F. Sadler and Dr. Trickett, the Dickinson School of Law was incorporated, to continue the work of an earlier school which had been established by Judge Reed, a former President Judge of the courts of Cumberland County. Dr. Trickett was elected dean of the School and continued to hold this office until his death. It was here that he found an attractive field of enlarged opportunity for professional activity and influence, for which his tastes and talents pre-eminently fitted him.

The prestige of the "Dickinson School of Law" for a generation was largely due to his talents as an administrator and teacher. In addition to his duties as Dean of the School, Dr. Trickett, even at the age of eighty-eight years, gave lectures several hours daily on the law of real property, contracts, evidence, decedents' estates and other subjects.

Dr. Trickett had the qualities of a great teacher; he impressed his pupils with his own profound knowledge of the subject in hand, and had the faculty of inspiring in them diligence in the mastery of it. His finest monument is the large number of lawyers of sound learning who have graduated from the "Dickinson School of Law", who have, by their professional careers, added luster to the bench and bar of Pennsylvania, and other states.

Mild of speech, modest in manner, shrinking from publicity in any form, he yet won the affectionate regard of his students to a degree it is given to few teachers to attain. His interest in each of them was personal. He followed their individual careers with interest, and their success was a source of continued pride to him.

This Memorial may aptly close in the words of another: "Dean Trickett was beloved and respected by all who knew him. He was an able and earnest student in the many branches of the law with which he concerned himself, while his service of almost forty years in Dickinson Law School was of untold value to the community and to the Bar itself. His death will be regarded by all who knew him as a public as well as a personal loss."

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Notes

With this issue of the Law Review is inaugurated a new editorial policy which we trust will enhance its usefulness as a legal periodical. The Review will now be published four times yearly rather than eight times as heretofore. To compensate for the decrease in issues, each number will be substantially increased in content. The printing of Moot Courts has been discontinued and they are replaced by notes and comments on recent decisions and other interesting phases of the law. Leading articles by other writers than members of our own faculty will be published on matters of general interest to practitioners and students of law. The cover and paper used have been changed, hoping to make the Review more durable and legible.

This reorganization had its inception in the desire of the faculty of the Law School that the Review might prove of greater service to its students and to the hundreds of Dickinson lawyers distributed throughout the East. It is hoped that the interest and support of the alumni will be stimulated to a greater degree in the contribution of articles and otherwise. This desire will find fruition if the new Review substantially increases the service that the Review has been rendering in the solution of legal problems by intelligent discussion and its recordation of careful investigations of these problems. While notice will be given to American law generally, it is hoped that especial service may be rendered to Pennsylvania lawyers and students by particular attention being devoted to Pennsylvania law.

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