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We, the members of the Allen County Bar Association, are met again this morning to pay our respects to the memory of our friend and fellow lawyer Chester A. Lincoln.

"Abe", as he was affectionately known to all of us, died at the Lutheran Hospital on February 17, 1960. His passing from the realities of life to the mysteries of the hereafter leaves a void in our ranks that will be hard to fill. Often has he asked a fellow man who stood before the Bar of Human Justice, "How do you plead?" and awaited the verdict. So now, as he stands before the Judgment Throne of Divine Justice, we can hear the verdict, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Chester A. Lincoln was born in Hammond, Illinois, in 1895. In 1916 he graduated from the law college of Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, Illinois. While at college he was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. After graduation he came to Columbia City, Indiana, and began the practice of law. Abe was a distant relative of President Lincoln and early in his career he took an active part in politics so that in 1924 and 1926 he was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Whitley and Noble Counties on the Republican ticket. One of his delights was to relate some of his experiences had in that office.

He moved to Fort Wayne about 31 years ago and

was actively engaged in the practice of law here till last November, when he was stricken ill, from which illness he never recovered.

For eight years, from 1943 to 1951, he was Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney of Allen County. He was without doubt one of the most able Prosecutors of this County. He was a power before a jury and presented every case with painstaking care. The Allen County Bar has lost one of its ablest members.

He loved the outdoors, so that about 10 years ago he moved with his family to a farm five miles west of Fort Wayne on the Illinois Road, where he lived until he was admitted to the hospital.

He was a member of the Allen County Republican Club, Allen County Bar Association, the Fort Wayne L. B. Club, the United Commercial Travelers, the Masonic Lodge and the Scottish Rite, and a Veteran of World War I.

He was married to Freeda Hass in 1929, who, together with one son, Marshall, survives him. The Bar Association expresses deepest sympathy to the survivors.

Mr. Lincoln had a host of friends. To know him was to love him. In court, he was always the courteous adversary, respectful barrister and gentleman. He never would say an unkind word about a fellow lawyer and his abilities, especially in criminal trials, was recognized by all and he was often engaged by prosecutors of adjoining counties to assist in the trials of major criminal cases. He was loyal to his friends and his promise once made was

by him considered sacred. In all his conduct with his fellow men he looked only for the right. He believed in Justice. He cared less for material gains than for right results. He accomplished his aim in life. His sterling example as a practicing attorney can well be emulated by all who follow. Of his life we can say with the poet of old:

Life is a leaf of paper white,
Thereon each one of us must write his line or two,
And then comes night!
Greatly begins the thoushas time but for a line,
Be that sublime,
Not failure, but low aim is crime.

Respectfully submitted,

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