

FRED E. MCLUCAS

IN MEMORIAM

The members of the Allen County Bar Association again bow their heads in prayerful tribute to another of their fellow lawyers who has answered the final summons. Fred E. McLucas has quietly taken his departure from us and now stands before his Maker to proudly give his account of a life well lived—a service to both man and God, nobly rendered.

Though he was a member of our profession for almost four decades, the active members of our Bar had rare opportunity of intimate contact with Fred McLucas. His duties were largely confined to the special field of Mal-practice Law with the Medical Protective Company. In that particular branch of the Law he gained an eminence widely recognized throughout the United States. He became identified with that company upon his graduation from the Law School of Indiana University in 1918 and gave his exclusive professional effort to it until his death on Monday morning of this week. His worth as both lawyer and executive is attested by his long service as director of the Legal Department and as Vice-President of the company to which he devoted his professional life.

Endowed with an excellent mind, attractive personality, a fine sense of humor, a rare capacity for industry, loyalty and perseverance, Fred McLucas gave to the legal profession those qualities that would have assured success for him in any of his many fields. Born of sturdy Hoosier stock he early cherished an ambition to be a lawyer. He refused to be deterred by vicissitudes and delays that would have frustrated those less determined. Like many other members of our profession, he taught school to procure funds with which to complete his legal education. That educational field furnished him an avenue to demonstrate his superior capabilities inasmuch as he was

made principal of the Eliza Green Indiana High School at an early

age.

"Live, bright, love and be loved by them, is to bask in the sunshine of life. All other things are incidental, these are fundamental." Fred McRobison adopted and breathed that philosophy of life. He was a Christian gentleman. He was at all times actuated by the highest of ideals, actuated by the noblest of purposes. Kindly, and sympathetic by nature, he manifested interest in people. He delighted in wholesome companionship. His loyalty to his friends gained for him their implicit confidence and admiration—indeed their esteem and affection. In his service to his church—to which he was devoted—he served on its official board and in serving the community he was a trustee of the Parkview Memorial Hospital and its predecessor, the Methodist Hospital. Indeed, in his passing the community has lost an excellent citizen; the legal profession, a sturdy exemplar of its virtues; and his associates, a loyal and steadfast friend.

The severest loss occasioned by his death is, of course, experienced by his wife, his son and daughter, to whom he was passionately devoted and in whom he was exceedingly and justly proud. To them, we of the Bar Association, extend our choicest sympathies in this their hour of bereavement. It is our fervent hope, however, that their grief may be assuaged by the abiding consciousness that their dear husband and father is now enjoying a just and assured reward in Heaven, free and relieved of the pain, suffering, and burdens of mortal life.

Respectfully submitted,

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