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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Honorable Burr Jones's Address

In the present issue of the LAW REVIEW the reader will find preserved the address to the 1928 graduating class of the Marquette University Law School by the Honorable Burr W. Jones, now retired

from the bench of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Justice Jones is especially qualified to give the advice contained therein. Not only does his personality epitomize his remarks on courtesy and friendship in the practice of the law, but his career, rich in accomplishment, gives evidence to the fact that he actually practiced the methods he recommends to those now standing upon the threshold of the profession.

Justice Jones, at the age of eighty-two, may look back upon over half a century of active practice with the satisfaction that comes from rendering meritorious service. In 1872, a year after being admitted to the practice, he was elected district attorney of Dane County; from 1883 to 1885 he was a member of the forty-eighth Congress; from 1885 to 1915 he was professor of law at the University of Wisconsin, his Alma Mater; after retiring from the active practice of law in 1920, Justice Jones became an associate justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court; he was sometime president of the Wisconsin State Bar Association, and also of the Dane County Bar Association; his work on *Law of Evidence in Civil Cases* is known to every law student. This record is certainly worthy of emulation.

Visiting Lecturer

After the plan of assembly lectures inaugurated by Dean Williams last year, Nathaniel T. Guernsey, vice-president of and general counsel for the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, addressed the student body of the law school in a series of five lectures, October 29 to November 2, on "The Regulation of Public Utilities." The lectures were based upon an outline to be found in the present issue of the LAW REVIEW under the same title.

Mr. Guernsey's long and broad experience in the field of public utility litigation qualifies him to speak authoritatively on the matter of regulation of public utilities.

The outline, examination will reveal, is supplemented with profuse notes and citations of cases decided in many states, as well as United States Supreme Court decisions, rendering it a valuable reference and guide in the solution of public utility rate making questions.

"The Cure"

The two-reel motion picture called *The Cure* was shown at Marquette, Friday, November 16. This picture, which has been made by, and distributed through the courtesy of The Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Company, takes the observer through the company's large publishing house at Rochester, New York. It shows the making of a law-book, from the time a decision is handed down until that same decision is reported and annotated and becomes a permanently accessible

exposition of the law. The title, *The Cure*, refers to the process of annotation, so ably worked out by the Co-ops, whereby the difficulty of reconciling and understanding the myriads of contemporary reports may be overcome.

Increased Enrollment

The increasing popularity of the law as an educational and professional pursuit is manifested by a larger registration in the law school this year than ever before. The present number of law students registered for 1928-1929 is 234, as against 186 enrolled in 1927-1928. This increase, in the face of more exacting entrance requirements, foretells an elevation of professional standards insofar as a better preparation for the study of law will affect the finished product of the law schools.