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Our great problem is to fill each day so full of sunshine, of plain living and high thinking, that there can be no commonness or unhappiness in our lives.

—Orison Swett Marden.

"Gentlemen of the Bar!"

Presumably, the Bar is composed of gentlemen.

Its dignity, its efficiency, and the public esteem in which the Bar has ever been held, can only be maintained when that presumption is founded in fact.

Whatever just criticism is directed against the legal profession, (and just now we seem to be coming in for

more than our share of editorial abuse in the daily press), doubtless arises from the fact that occasionally someone gets himself admitted to practice whose methods and manners are not those of a gentleman and, therefore, reflect upon the profession at large.

What is a gentleman?

After all, isn't he merely a man who is gentle; one who deals in a kindly and honorable way with his fellows; and isn't it true that no one who fairly measures up to the title can by any possibility work an injury to his profession?

No gentleman bullyrags a witness; no gentleman takes unfair advantage of either his opponent or the court; no gentleman deceives anyone; no

gentleman obstructs or embarrasses the machinery of justice; no gentleman does any of the unfair things of which the law and lawyers are so frequently accused in newspaper editorials.

The fact that in rare instances some renegade practitioner is guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer of the court and a gentleman affords no excuse for the newspapers treating the whole profession as if it were made up of shysters.

But, unjust as these press criticisms may be in the great majority of instances, they are not wholly without foundation and the Record, therefore, believes that the Association can perform no more useful service than to constantly impress upon each of us the importance and necessity of meticulously maintaining, at all times, in all places, and in every particular, the high standards and good manners of "Gentlemen of the Bar."

The September Meeting

Here and there, it may be, a sleepy lawyer can be found but certain it is that no one who listened in on the luncheon meeting, held at the Chamber of Commerce on September thirteenth, can gainsay the fact that the Bar of Denver is alive to its duties and responsibilities and active, individually and collectively, in promoting the welfare of the community and the state.

Music with our Meals.

Tasteful music by Mrs. Writer, violinist, and Mrs. Reynolds, pianist, enlivened the occasion and, as a subtle tribute to the retiring president, Judge Butler, their first number was "Farewell to Thee," which plaintive melody was played most effectively by these two talented musicians.

Mr. Doud is Introduced.

The first speaker to be introduced by Mr. James A. Marsh, who presided at the meeting, was Mr. A. L. Doud, called upon because of the celebration of his golden wedding anniversary. Mr. Marsh referred to him as "the youngest member of the Denver Bar who had ever had a golden wedding" and compared him to Chauncey Depew who, when asked who he would rather be if he were not himself, blithely replied that he would rather be Mrs. Depew's second husband.

The Bridegroom Responds.

Mr. Doud, responding, said that he was embarrassed by the reception but that he attributed it to youth and inexperience and would let it go at that. "For forty years and more," he said, "I have been fighting you fellows and when I came to Denver even Judge Platt Rogers was a mere youngster." He had passed fifty years of wedded life and was inviting the world to his golden wedding party. He thought the world might not wholly attend, however, and, fearing that his friends might not turn out in respectable numbers, he had decided to invite his enemies, so the Denver Bar was invited to Trinity Temple the evening of September fourteenth upon condition that no one would be permitted to bring a present.

An Official Felicitator is Appointed.

Mr. Marsh said he thought it a proper thing to appoint someone to deliver the felicitations of the Association to Mr. and Mrs. Doud at their golden wedding party and accordingly named Mr. Hickman Walker to act in that capacity.

Judge Butler is Introduced.

Introducing the speaker of the day, Hon. Charles C. Butler, Mr. Marsh declared that if modern civ-