President's Message

MR. EARLE ODEN BENNETT,
Editor of THE 1931 Legacy.

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I have read with much interest the editorial page of the current issue of the Barrister. I do not remember when it has been possible to bring together in one issue so many announcements of interest to every one connected with New Jersey Law School.

We all rejoice in Professor Hartshorne's election to the Common Pleas Bench. Although Judge Hartshorne is not a graduate of New Jersey Law School, because of his long membership on our faculty we can very properly claim him as our own. We all feel that Governor Larson made an admirable choice in filling the Fourth Common Pleas Judgeship.

The second announcement concerns another member of our faculty. We have all learned to admire and respect Basil H. Politt. It was a source of regret to the administration that he was obliged to ask that his leave of absence be extended for another year. He has now been offered and has accepted a Research Fellowship at Harvard Law School for the year 1931-1932. This Fellowship is given by Harvard only in recognition of superior scholastic work along legal lines. We are honored by having Professor Politt chosen for this Fellowship.

The first sentence of the third editorial in the Barrister reads: "Perhaps the greatest contribution that New Jersey Law School has ever made to improve the Bar of New Jersey has been the Class in Practice Court." It is a great source of satisfaction to both Dean Harris and myself, to know that we have offered a new course which has met with such a real need. It is equally a source of satisfaction to us to know that the course is being given so well by one of our own graduates.

May I also mention the fact that the unopposed candidate for Governor in the approaching Democratic primaries is our own New Jersey Law School alumnus president, Honorable A. Harry Moore.

With the above in mind, my message to you and the Class of 1931 is very brief. We are having each year more indications of the part New Jersey Law School, through its faculty and graduates, is playing in the life of the community and the field of legal education. This is as it should be. I do not mention it for the purpose of calling attention to the fact that we should be proud of ourselves. Rather should we feel that a burden is imposed on us to carry on that our influence in the community may grow each year. If a law school cannot make its influence felt in the community in the right way, there should be serious doubt as to the kind of work it is doing.

The Class of 1931 will have the distinction of being the smallest class to graduate from New Jersey Law School for a number of years. On the other hand, we feel sure that its small membership will not mean any decrease in the important influence it will have on the community in future years. On behalf of the administration I wish you, and through you, all the members of your class the very best of success.

Very sincerely,

RICHARD D. CURRIER,
President.
Dean's Message

To the Editor of THE LEGACY, New Jersey Law School.

DEAR EARLE:

Once again it is a pleasure metaphorically to shout hail and farewell to the outgoing Seniors of New Jersey Law School, through the medium of THE LEGACY, its year book.

You members of the Class of 1931 are particularly fortunate in having been undergraduates at a time when far reaching changes in our school have been made, and are now making.

It is our sincere hope, as I am sure it is yours, to go forward to make New Jersey Law School an even better institution for preparing men and women to serve as able and conscientious members of the bar in New Jersey. Our work lies in bettering facilities for law study; yours, in so ordering your lives that service to community and state shall ever come before self service.

If I can ever help you in any way, consonant with justice and fair dealing, you have but to call on me.

Cordially,

George S. Harris.

DEAN GEORGE S. HARRIS