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 DEATH OF DR. JAMES BROWN SCOTT

Dr. James Brown Scott, a founder of the American Society of International Law in 1906 and of its *Journal* in 1907, died June 25 at Annapolis, Maryland, where he had made his home since his retirement three years ago. The first Secretary of the Society and Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal*, Dr. Scott retained both positions until 1924 when he resigned and was made Honorary Editor-in-Chief. In 1929, Dr. Scott was elected President of the Society and retired ten years later to become its Honorary President. His great services to international law and in behalf of the judicial settlement of international disputes will be the subject of later appropriate treatment in the columns of the *Journal*. These lines are merely notice of his passing to his friends and admirers all over the world. He was buried on June 28 in Arlington National Cemetery, in accordance with his wish. He had served as a volunteer in the Spanish-American War and was a Major, J.A.G.D., U. S. Army, during the first World War. For the present, we shall leave his memory in the peace which he so justly earned, with a few words taken from the eloquent eulogy pronounced over his flag-draped casket in the Fort Myer Chapel by his friend and associate of many years, the Rev. Edmund A. Walsh, S.J., Vice-President of Georgetown University and Regent of its School of Foreign Service, who conducted a simple but impressive non-sectarian service as Dr. Scott had requested him to do. Spoke Father Walsh:

Wherever on this distracted planet men still hold to the eternal verities underlying the temporal vicissitudes of human institutions, there the name of James Brown Scott will persist in the remembrance of kindred spirits, strengthening them to resist despair and out-face tyranny. . . . For upwards of forty years he has toiled, written, lectured, argued, voyaged and voyaged again to distant shores in support of one dominating thought. As early as 1906, while Solicitor for the Department of State, he launched his great crusade for the recovery of law from the bondage of those legal metaphysicians who would substitute expediency and the pragmatic sanction for the moral basis of jurisprudence. This school conceived law to be merely the transient and contemporaneous expression of changing social conditions, with no permanent core of unchanging principles. They had their day and now they have their pay—in the form of that cynical, totalitarian scourge which is reddening the horizons of the world with premeditated slaughter. Against that cult of material force, legal verbalism and opportunism James Brown Scott invoked the permanent, normal anchor of all law and world peace by re-issuing the Classics of International Law. He pointed to the rock of salvation—and led the way. . . . To this high mission his life was sealed. In this quest for international justice his days were wholly lived and his talents nobly spent. His memory will be forever green among those who knew him, revered him and loved him

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