

penses of editing and publishing the *American Journal of International Law*, which I started in 1907."

As a further indication of the place which this Society and the *Journal* occupied in Dr. Scott's mind and heart I should mention that that bequest is something over one-tenth of his entire estate. I am happy to say that at the meeting of the Executive Council yesterday, Dr. Scott was elected the first patron of the Society, and future numbers of the *Journal* will bear his name as the first patron. It is one of the happiest moments of my life to be able to stand before you this morning on the fortieth anniversary of the Society's existence and read to you this provision of Dr. Scott's will.

Now, members of the Society, there may be some members present who would like to make some remarks. One of our foremost members, who lived to be a ripe old age and was formerly one of our most active participants in these meetings, was Judge Jackson H. Ralston, and if someone wishes to say something about Mr. Ralston, I think it would be appropriate to do so now.

Mr. DENNIS: Mr. Chairman, I have endeavored, in the last number of the *Journal*, to say what was in my mind and heart about Mr. Ralston, and, of course, I do not want to repeat it now. I do think, however, that it is right that we should pause for a moment and say a few words about Mr. Ralston. He passed away after some twenty years of so-called retirement, but which was in fact the most useful activity in his native state of California, after having practiced law here in Washington for nearly half a century.

He had a picturesque boyhood. His father was a distinguished man, who was lost tragically in the desert which was afterwards named after him, Ralston Desert. To a considerable extent, he had to make his own way. He became a great lawyer in labor cases, a great international lawyer, and a very distinguished author. In all those ways—as a lawyer, as an author, as a man, and as a gentleman—he was distinguished.

He was a reformer; he was not merely a dry-as-dust lawyer. He was interested in what was going on in the world, and gave a great part of his life to a struggle which, to some of us, would seem to be a mistaken struggle for the single tax. He believed in it, though, and, although a man of relatively modest means, he gave at one time \$25,000 to promote a campaign for the single tax out in California.

He was a man of multifarious interests, and in all these categories he was a real success, and he made a real contribution to society. He was always the most kindly, friendly man, whom it was a great pleasure for everyone to know. [Applause]

Chairman FINCH: The Secretary now has the complete list of members who have passed away, and I will ask him to read it.

Mr. POTTER: It has been customary for the members of the Society to rise while this list is read.

[The assemblage stood while the list was read.]

Mr. POTTER [Continuing]: This list covers the past year. The records, of course, are complete on the preceding year, but it did not seem desirable to read here the complete list going back to the spring of 1944.\*

Mr. Richard C. Backus, of Boston, Massachusetts, a member since 1939, died August 20, 1945.

Sister Rose de Lima Briody, of Convent Station, New Jersey, a member since 1935, died since our last meeting.

Mr. Ralph W. Close, of Capetown, South Africa, a member since 1943 died in March 1945.

Mr. C. B. Conyers, of Brunswick, Georgia, a member since February 18, 1910, died August 4, 1945.

Mr. Franklin S. Edmonds, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a member since July 26, 1920, died October 29, 1945.

Mr. John B. Hardin, of Newark, New Jersey, a member since February 25, 1930, died December 7, 1945.

Judge Irving Lehman, of Albany, New York, a member since February 4, 1930, died since our last meeting.

Mr. Theodore Marburg, of Baltimore, Maryland, a member since March 26, 1909, died March 3, 1946.

Mr. John A. Marik, of Jackson Heights, New York, a member since May 24, 1939, died December 29, 1945.

Mr. Roland S. Morris, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a member since September 6, 1917, died November, 1945.

Mr. J. H. Ralston, of Palo Alto, California, an original member, died October 13, 1945.

Mr. Silas H. Strawn, of Chicago, Illinois, a member since January 30, 1917, died since our last meeting.

Mr. Henry W. Taft, of New York, New York, a member since February 13, 1915, died August 11, 1945.

Mr. Henry D. Williams, of New York City, a member since November 6, 1933, died since our last meeting.

Chairman FINCH: We will stand for just a period of silence.

[The assemblage observed a short period of silence.]

Chairman FINCH [Continuing]: May they rest in peace.

Does any other member wish to make any remarks?

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, you referred to those who have been faithful in their attendance to this Society for its forty years. I see one here who I do not think has missed one meeting as far as I can gather—Professor Callahan. I suggest he be asked to stand and give account for himself.

[Mr. Callahan arose.] [Applause]

[The following original members also arose as their names were called: Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Coudert, and Mr. Dennis.] [Applause]

\* The list for 1944–1945 was published in the Proceedings of the Washington meeting, April 13–14, 1945, at p. 128.