

# Reunion Classes

He was a great and remarkable man. A child of privilege, he devoted his life to the service of his fellow men. I recall seeing him last summer when we returned to Madison; we had been away for about a year. And Bill, then in his 86th year and in failing health, was concerned about what he could do to further the legal rights of children.

He was a man utterly without rancor or prejudice. His innate dignity sometimes made him seem remote, but in fact he had great warmth and friendliness. More than anyone I can think of, he impressed himself upon his community by what he was, even more than by what he did.

But more than his achievements, Bill's contribution to the Law School was what he was. My colleague Willard Hurst said it well when he told me "I always thought of Bill Rice as a piece of my conscience, prodding me to do what I should do but sometimes didn't want to." But the prodding was Bill's example, not his precept. He did not preach. He was the conscience of all of us, prodding us to try to emulate him.

In no better way can I express my feeling about Bill Rice than to repeat from Euripedes', "Iphigenia at Alis", lines with which Judge Cardozo paid tribute to Oliver Wendell Holmes on Holmes's 90th birthday — "How can I praise thee, and not over praise, and yet not mar the grace by stint thereof?"



CLASS OF 1929: Warren Harris, Philip Weinberg, Harry Schuck and Gustav Winter



CLASS OF 1939: 1st. Row Edward Dithmar, Judge Donald Sterlinske, Fred Dicke, John Dewolfe, 2nd. Row D. A. McKinley, James Burke.



CLASS OF 1949: L to R: 1st. Row Dan Flaherty, Allan Cohen, Henry Hillard, and Edward Jacobs. 2nd.: Hans Helland, James Nilles, Dale Ihlenfeldt, Irv Charne, Judge Robert Landry.