

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE  
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,  
CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA.

IN MEMORIAM

L. PERCY GARROT

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L. Percy Garrot, late of Shreveport, died in Shreveport, Louisiana, on August 31st, 1945. His death is mourned by a large circle of friends, who, affectionately knew him as Percy or the Dean. He was born at Marksville, Louisiana, where he received his elementary education in the public schools. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the Louisiana State University and his L. L. B. from Harvard University, and was admitted to the practice of law before Courts of this State in 1919, before which he practiced with honor and distinction until his death.

L. Percy Garrot was born of poor, but honorable parents. His education was obtained through hard work and privation on his own behalf and <sup>by</sup> ~~of~~ his mother, whose sterling character and high sense of duty toward her fellow-man was deeply engraved in the qualities of L. Percy Garrot.

Before beginning the practice of law, Mr. Garrot was employed as a sugar chemist in Cuba and Puerto Rico, thereby earning sufficient funds to sustain himself during alternate years at Harvard. He lived close to his work and it was because of his valuable knowledge of the Cubans that in World War I, he ably served his country as a member, not only of the armed forces but as a Military Attache to the Cuban Government under Col. Van Ander, which post he often

referred to with pride.

On coming to Shreveport, Mr. Garrot engaged in the private practice of law and was a member of the Shreveport Bar Association, and he practiced with honor and dignity; his code of ethics was that of the highest.

Aside from his practice of law, Mr. Garrot taught law at the Centenary College Night School of Law, and it was at that institution that his students soon gave him the name of Dean. He lived close to his students. All respected him very highly, and it was through his excellent qualifications as a student of the law, his ability to lecture and his command of the English language that he so ably bestowed upon his students a share of his great store of knowledge. The majority of his students were men with families and family obligations, who would never have been able to pursue or study law without Mr. Garrot and his tutelage in the school he founded. Through him and his efforts a number of young men were admitted to the practice of law in Louisiana.

Mr. Garrot often referred to the high percentage of successful applicants before the Bar Examining Committee from the Centenary Night School of Law, which was his school, for these applicants were in competition with the full time students of the Universities of the State.

In these students, Mr. Garrot leaves a monument in their hearts and in their memories, not only in the men themselves, but also their families, who

well realize that they would never have been a member of our honored profession had it not been for L. Percy Garrot and his efforts. Mr. Garrot was their bridge between being laymen and their having attained an enviable position among the outstanding members of our profession. All the members of this committee, like many others, owe their profession to Mr. Garrot.

His untimely death is mourned, not only by his students, but by the profession as a whole, and <sup>many other</sup> his friends, His death is a distinct loss to the Bar and all the people of this community.

Respectfully submitted.

*L. Y. Barnette*

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