

Thomas James Tyne, Sr.:

Your Committee appointed to submit Resolutions upon the life of Thomas James Tyne, Sr., respectfully submits the following:

In the death of Mr. Tyne on November 1, 1936, at Chicago, Illinois, the bar of Nashville suffered the loss of one of its most outstanding and distinguished leaders, for whom, to an unusual degree, its members entertained real affection, admiration and respect.

Mr. Tyne was born in Nashville on November 29, 1868, the son of the late James W. and Catherine Healey Tyne, of that fine Irish lineage which has contributed so conspicuously to the professional life and public service of the nation.

His early education was obtained in the public schools of Nashville, and he graduated from the law school of Vanderbilt University with the Degree of Bachelor of Laws in the year 1891. Immediately thereafter he entered upon the practice of law at Nashville, in which he was destined to attain an eminence which far transcended local environment.

He was elected to the Tennessee General Assembly for the session 1893-4, where he served his Davidson County constituency with unusual ability and devotion to duty. In the Legislature he was chosen Chief Counsel in an important impeachment case, which he conducted aggressively, ably, but with great fairness, giving early proof of his subsequently distinguished career as an advocate. In this legislative service, he met Cordell Hull, then a young legislator from the Fourth District, and the fine friendship then formed endured for a lifetime.

During the Tennessee Centennial Exposition in 1897, he was legal adviser to the Exposition Committee. The efforts which he put forth in this position, over and beyond his assigned duties, marked the beginning of his long continued interest in community affairs, and did much to make the Exposition a success.

Mr. Tyne's first law partnership was with Hon. Pat M. Estes, now Vice President and General Counsel of the Life and Casualty Insurance Company. Later he formed a partnership with General Ernest Pillow, under the firm name of Pillow and Tyne, which was dissolved by the former's death.

In 1902, the National Life & Accident Insurance Company was formed by C. A. Craig, W. R. Wills, C. R. Clements, Dr. R. E. Fort and Mr. Tyne. By unusual and fortunate circumstances, each of these men, thoroughly congenial in their personal friendships, was ideally suited for the varied executive duties necessary to the management of the Company. From a modest beginning, these five men, of the highest personal integrity, by sound business judgment and vision, developed this organization into one of the great insurance companies of the United States. As Vice President and General Counsel, continuously from the day of its organization, Mr. Tyne's services, of the highest order, are well known to every member of the bar, and to the public.

In addition to his official legal and executive duties with the National, Mr. Tyne enjoyed a large general practice, but as the Company prospered it became necessary for him to somewhat withdraw from private practice to give more time to the Company's affairs. But he never lost his contact with the members of the Bar and the Courts, and frequently served private clients who earnestly requested his representation.

For many years, he was Resident Counsel for the E. I. Du Pont interests, and was at one time Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States in connection with special cases at the Old Hickory Powder Plant.

Mr. Tyne was always a friend of the young lawyer, and his door was never closed to those who sought his advice and judgment. He called younger men to work with him, and he was particularly happy in the associates who joined his office, Mr. J. Mac Peebles, who succeeded him as General Counsel, was associated with him for over twenty-one years. At the time of Mr. Tyne's death, his firm, in addition to Mr. Peebles, was composed of Mr. Douglas Henry and Mr. Tyne's son, George Henry Tyne, under the firm name of Tyne, Peebles, Henry and Tyne. Previously, his son and namesake, Thomas J. Tyne, Jr., had been

a partner, but he passed away on February 12, 1936. His untimely death, which is the subject of a memorial at this meeting today, was a great shock to Mr. Tyne, from which he probably never fully recovered.

On June 7, 1898, Mr. Tyne married Jane Ratterman of Nashville, who, with four children, survive him - Mrs. Eleanor Tyne Barry, William John Tyne, George Henry Tyne, and Catherine Jane Tyne,

He was a member of the American Bar Association, the Tennessee Bar Association, the Nashville Bar and Library Association, the Association of Life Insurance Counsel, and belonged to the Knights of Columbus, the Hermitage Club, the Belle Meade Country Club, and the Harpeth Hills Hunt Club. He was also a member of the Kappa Sigma College Fraternity.

Although this brief memorial is properly a tribute to his distinguished professional achievements, it would not be complete if so limited, for while the profession of the law was his supreme interest, it never monopolized nor narrowed him.

He was devoted to His Church and contributed unceasingly of his time and means to many phases of religious and charitable activities. For many years, he was personal counsel to the Bishop of Nashville, He was long recognized as one of the leading laymen of his church in the United States.

He was a specialist in Insurance law, and a recognized authority in this field. He was greatly appreciated by his colleagues in the National Association of Insurance Counsel, in which he took an active interest for many years.

In his home life, he was a devoted husband and father. He thoroughly enjoyed his home. He was happiest with his friends and family around his fireside, He was a charming host with a rare gift of putting everyone at ease.

But the memory of Mr. Tyne, which will linger with us, is that of the courteous and cultured gentleman, the kindly, gracious friend, who was tireless in "the little nameless unremembered acts of kindness and of love" that are "the best portion of a good man's life." The glow of his warm heart shone through all his activities and irradiated all his associations, so that he carried with him an "Invincible armor of kindness." He had sorrows at times, as all of us must, but somehow he managed always to "see the rainbow through the rain." He inspired confidence and invited confidences. Success in his profession and prosperity in the worldly sense in no wise affected him. If anything, it made him more approachable, more willing to serve, more conscious of the obligations to society which were fundamental in his fine nature. The dominant traits of his character were kindness and affection, and generosity and sympathy and understanding; and the joys of friendship were his constant and great delight,

Mourning our loss but enriched by his memory.

Be It Therefore, Resolved, That in the life and character of Thomas J. Tyne, Sr., there has been given to us the highest example of a member of this Bar, whose professional attainments were of unusual merit; a broadminded Christian gentleman, a devoted husband and father, and a friend faithful and true to all who called him friend.

Be It Further Resolved, That in his passing the Bar of Middle Tennessee and of the south has lost a distinguished member, whose success was as deserved as it was notable.

Be It Further Resolved that copies of these Resolutions be spread upon our Minutes and furnished to the family of our brother, whose memory we cherish in deep and abiding affection.

(Signed) C. P. Hatcher, Chairman.

" Lee Douglas,

" Edward J. Smith,

" J. M. Peebles,

" Walter Stokes,

COMMITTEE.