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of the Stars. Without common sense his knowledge would have proved futile; his methods would have been wasted; but with this trait his knowledge became wisdom and power.

He was courteous to others. He was not the self-seeking, ruthless man, but one whose common sense allied to his charity and kindness removed him from the field of the selfish and fanatic. He was always willing that another should stand in the position where the sunlight of publicity would show him to the best advantage and there was no jealousy of others in his nature.

He was faithful to his trust. He had in his nature those qualities which make the ideal lawyer, not subservient but guiding; not a truculent advocate but a wise counsellor; not working for mere temporary advantage but desirous that his client and the public in general should be on the right path.

He had a deep religious nature. His last letter to me, written after his election as our President of the Bar Association, showed calmness and confidence and trust, and if at times the tragedies of his life and difficulties which beset his clients and which were made his difficulties, may have produced periods of doubt or of test, yet through it all he had an unflinching trust in a kind and beneficent and forgiving Providence. His religious nature was an every day religion;—a religion that led him to love the common day tasks and to discharge them in an honest and thorough manner; a religion that accentuated his intellectual growth and moral nature; a religion that was constant, kindly, ever working, and improving every opportunity.

If a gentleman be as Thackeray describes him: "One whose aims are generous, whose truth is not only constant in its kind but elevated in its degree; whose want of meanness make them simple; who can look the world honestly in the face with an equal manly sympathy for the great and small" then Mr. Bagley was a gentleman. If it were necessary to originate the term "gentleman" in describing him then Horace Bagley furnished the qualities which would be the foundation of the term. For he was open, loyal and true; he had a humane and affable demeanor; he was honorable in himself and in his judgment of others—faithful alike to God and man. His health and accidents required a constant struggle but his soul was serene and his spirit sweet.

Peace to his ashes. He was a gallant gentleman.

JUDGE BAGLEY
Friend and Schoolmate
W. A. McIntyre

Horace Bagley was born at Melbourne, Iowa, on May 28th, 1873. He graduated from the Liberal Arts College of the University of Minnesota in 1894. After this he taught for four years then returned to his Alma Mater to study law being admitted to practice law in Minnesota in 1900. He located at Thief River Falls, Minnesota, in January, 1901, for the practice of law where he was associated in practice with P. W. Mabey.

In 1902 Mr. Bagley located at Towner, North Dakota, and for about five years in addition to practicing his profession engaged in banking. From 1907 to the time of his death he devoted his entire

time to his profession. For a period he served as Judge of the County Court of McHenry County, that Court at that time being a County Court of increased jurisdiction.

To those who have had the pleasure of knowing Judge Bagley it is unnecessary to say that he made an exceptionally capable and efficient judicial officer.

Mr. Bagley was married in 1902 to Belle Cornell of Mapleton, Minnesota. Mrs. Bagley and three children, Mrs. Arthur Larsen, of Owatonna, Minnesota, Mrs. Edward Cross of Towner, North Dakota, and Harriette Bagley of Towner, North Dakota, mourn the loss of a loving husband and father. An aged mother and two brothers also survive Judge Bagley.

The writer's first contact with Judge Bagley was as a fellow student at College and there learned to know and admire the traits of his character which ever governed our friend's relations with his fellow men. When one attempts to describe or portray the life of as lovable a character as Judge Bagley, then indeed one realizes how puny words are.

Outstanding among his many excellent traits and characteristics was the genuineness of his life in every phase. Always sincere in his own thoughts and life, frank and sincere in all of his planning and living, he despised insincerity and hypocrisy in others in whatever form it was evidenced.

For more than forty years he struggled with a body weakened from an accident in boyhood, and for many years never entirely free from physical distress. For all that his was a life of service for others. He loved his fellow man and his highest ambition was to be of service to others and more especially to those whom he thought less fortunate than himself. He was ever the champion, defender, friend and adviser of the poor and oppressed of his community. His modest and untiring disposition precluded any idea of self advancement. He sought neither honor nor recognition. Whatever honors he received were forced upon him, as was his selection as president of our State Bar Association.

Judge Bagley not only believed in the golden rule, he lived it. It was the guiding principle of his life and of his relationships with others. And because of this, the world is better for his having lived. The lives of many have been enriched and the sum total of the world's happiness increased through his life, and while he was not permitted to live out life's allotted span, yet it was given to him to do much more for his fellow men than is done by most men in the full measure of life.

No one appreciated more fully than did he the uncertainty of life. His life was such, however, that he could and did look with confidence towards that eternal future to which man must journey. His life was such that he could and did willingly and without fear face and set out to sea with the mysterious boatman who was to guide him across the bar to the shores of that unknown world.

"His day is come, not gone;
His sun is risen, not set;
His life is now beyond
The reach of death or change,
Not ended, but begun."