

## BOOK REVIEWS

*The Law of Accident and Employers' Liability Insurance.* By Hubert Bruce Fuller. Vernon Law Book Co., Kansas City, Mo. 1913. pp. xii, 563.

Although accident insurance is of comparatively modern origin, as the author calls to our attention in the perface, an amazing amount of litigation has arisen since the first American company was formed in 1860. Fifty years of experimenting has resulted in the crystallization of a few principles, but there are many phases of the subject that are still in the embryonic stage. The insurance companies are largely responsible for this, for they have constantly changed the forms and terms of their policies in order to overcome the interpretations given them by the courts which resulted unfavorably to the company. This may account for the dearth of reliable treatises on this most important branch of insurance law, for writers upon the general topic have given it but cursory consideration.

Strictly speaking, this book by Mr. Fuller is in reality a digest of decisions upon this subject rather than a treatise, and as a digest it is an exceedingly valuable work. Practically every decision of importance by a court of last resort may be found here, and the indexing is so arranged as to make the book an excellent assistant to the brief-maker.

The comprehensive scope of the book can readily be seen from the chapter headings. Chapter I is devoted to Contracts of Accident Insurance; Chapter II to Cause of Injury or Death; Chapter III to Excepted Risks; Chapter IV to Amount of Liability; Chapter V to Notices and Proofs; Chapter VI to Liability, Payment, Discharge; and Chapter VII to Employers' Liability Insurance.

Especially well treated are the much mooted questions dealing with external marks of violence, and suicide. Quite naturally chapter vii. is the most interesting and perhaps the most valuable portion of the work. Employers' Liability Insurance is the most modern development of a modern subject and as yet the courts do not seem to be sure of their position. The cases cited, however, are decidedly illuminating upon the trend of the decisions.

As intimated above, Mr. Fuller's contribution is primarily a desk book, and as such it should receive a hearty welcome from practicing lawyers.

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## SCHOOL AND ALUMNI NOTES

William Howard Taft, '78, LL.D., D.C.L., in the fall entered upon his active duties as Kent Professor of Law in the College, and Professor of Constitutional Law in the Law School. His previous teaching experience was gained during the years 1896-1900, when he was Professor of Law and Dean of the Law Department, Cincinnati Law School. The Yale University Press has recently published a book by Professor Taft entitled "Popular Government, Its Essence, Its Permanence and Its Perils."

'51—Charles Samuel Andrews died at his home in New Britain, Conn., on October 7. He was born at Chapel Hill, N. C., on August 5, 1822, the son of Professor E. A. Andrews. After graduation he began the practice of law in New York City. A few years later he removed to New Britain, Conn., where he lived for the rest of his life. He represented his town in the lower house of the General Assembly during the sessions of 1887, 1888, and 1889. For many years he had been a member of the school board of New Britain and had served as a member of the Board of Assessors for nearly twenty years. He married, on September 16, 1857, Elizabeth Alden of West Hartford, Conn., who died on October 9, 1892. Four of their five children, one daughter and three sons, are living.

'59—Richard Zina Johnson died in Wasserburg, Bavaria, Germany, on September 10. He was born in Akron, Ohio, May 21, 1837, the son of Harvey Hull and Calista F. (Munger) Johnson. He was admitted to the bar of Minnesota in 1858. He had practiced law in Boise, Idaho, for many years and since 1892 had been senior member of the law firm of Johnson & Johnson, of which his son, Richard Harvey Johnson, '92 L., is the junior member. From 1880 to 1882 he was a member of the territorial council of Idaho, and was attorney general for that state from 1887 until 1891. He was one of the commissioners who completed the revised statutes in 1887, a member of the Board of Education of Boise from 1881 to 1896, and from 1889 until 1895 was president of the Board of Regents of the University of Idaho. He received the degree of LL.D. from that university in 1894. From 1898 until 1902 he was president of the Idaho State Bar Association. During the last fifteen years he had traveled extensively in Europe, spending his summers at his villa on Lake Constance at Wasserburg, Bavaria. He was married in 1868 to Miss Kathrina Broeg of Lindau, Bavaria. They had one son, who is still living.

'77—Lucius P. Deming is now residing at 247 Bedford Park Boulevard, the Bronx, N. Y.

'85—Joseph Robinson Parrott died suddenly from heart trouble in Oxford, Maine, on October 13.

'89—Thomas Penney, who for the past five years has devoted himself largely to the executive affairs of the International Railway Company, has resumed the active practice of law at the offices of the firm of Norton, Penney, Spring & Moore, 854-858 Ellicott Square, Buffalo, N. Y. He has been a member of this firm for several years.

'93—James St. Clair McCall died after an illness of about two months from uræmic poisoning, in York, Pa., on October 2. The son of Hugh

W. and Rachel (Kell) McCall, he was born in York, Pa., on August 15, 1872, and received his early education in the grammar and high schools of York. In Junior year at the Law School, he received the Betts Prize, while in Senior year he stood at the head of his class, receiving his degree, *magna cum laude*, and was awarded the Jewell Prize. In 1893, he was admitted to the bar and had continued the practice of his profession in his native town until his death. He had been special counsel for the city in several important matters, and was a director of the West York Industrial Bank. He was a Republican, and in 1898 was a candidate on that ticket for the office of district attorney. In 1905 he was elected mayor of the city, serving for the next three years.

'93—Hon. Homer S. Cummings of Stamford, Conn., has been elected vice-chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

'94—L. P. Waldo Marvin has been elected president of the Connecticut Society for Mental Hygiene.

'94—Percy Finlay died in Memphis, Tenn., on September 14. On graduation from Law School he received the degree of LL.B., *cum laude*. Since his graduation he had practiced law with his father at Memphis and independently since the latter's death. He was for ten years attorney for the Park Commissioners of Memphis. Two daughters and a son survive. He married Miss Amante Electra Semmes.

'95—Edwin S. Thomas has been nominated by President Wilson for United States judge in the district of Connecticut and lately confirmed by the Senate.

'96—The marriage of Marjorie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harrison Harvey of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Ernest Gray Smith took place on October 14.

'97—The home address of Roger S. Baldwin has been changed to Old Town Farm, Round Hill Road, Greenwich, Conn.

'97—Professor Charles Aaron Van Vleck died in Des Moines, Iowa, on August 5.

'00—Nathan A. Smyth, who is secretary of the Citizen's Municipal Committee, has been working in the recent campaign in New York City in the support of the Fusion Ticket.

'02—John F. Malley has been nominated by President Wilson for collector of internal revenue for the third district of Massachusetts.

'05—Francis J. McCoy is chairman of the McCall College Men's Organization in the New York mayoralty campaign.

'05 M.L.—The mailing address of Francis E. Boland has been changed to 508 Sharon Building, San Francisco, Cal.

'06—Mr. and Mrs. James Whitney Knox, whose wedding occurred on September 29, will be at home after the fifteenth of November at 281 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, Conn.

'08—The engagement is announced of Isabelle, daughter of Mr. John Carden of Dallas, Texas, to William V. Griffin.

'08—Wilson D. Frederick has changed his address from 165 West Pearl Street to 320 West Alvarado Court, Pomona, Cal.

'08 M.L.—The law firm of which Lester I. Heyman is a member, has moved its offices to Suite 1124, Central National Bank Building, St. Louis, Mo.

'10—John L. Stivers has recently succeeded to the law business of Bell, Stivers & Jordan, and is occupying the offices of the old firm in the Nye Building, Montrose, Colo.

'10—The present business address of William J. Kennedy is 865 Chapel Street, New Haven, Conn.

'10 M.L.—Edward E. Meyer and Carl J. Wilde have formed a law partnership with J. E. Williamson of Evansville, Ind. The offices of the firm will be located in the Furniture Building, that place.

'10—The marriage of Madeline Bruggerhof, daughter of Mrs. Archibald Henderson Smith, and William Malcolm Foord took place in Stamford, Conn., on October 18. Walter R. Morse, '10 S., was best man, and among the ushers were Wilfred B. Schlegel, ex-'08 L., and Lowell P. Rush, '14 S.

'10—On September 30, John L. Stivers was elected a member of the Charter Convention, which has been appointed to frame a new charter for the city of Montrose, Colo.

'10—A son, their second child, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Eugene Reilly of 703 North Twenty-fourth Street, St. Joseph, Mo., on October 4. He has been named Bernard Eugene, Jr.

'11—The present address of Arthur Corbishley is 5622 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

'11—At the municipal elections recently held in New Haven, Conn., Stephen Whitney was elected alderman-at-large on the Democratic ticket.

'11—A son, Murray Everette, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Myron M. Gibbens at Oklahoma City, Okla., on August 20.

'11—Lenn T. Oare is now practicing law by himself in South Bend, Ind.

'12—Harry S. Irons, who for the past year has been connected with the law firm of Campbell, Brown & Davis of Huntington, W. Va., has recently opened an office for the general practice of law in Room 16 of the Miller-Ritter Building in that city. His home address has been changed to 540 Second Street, Huntington, W. Va.

'12—The death of Mrs. Mary Parker Prentiss, widow of Oswald Backus, ex-1819, and grandmother of Oswald Prentiss Backus, Jr., occurred in Rome, N. Y., on October 16.

'12—Brooks S. Hutchinson is practicing law in Fairmont, W. Va., and is also in the coal oil and gas business.

'13—The engagement is announced of Margaret, daughter of Alexander R. Merriam, '72, to Roger Wolcott Davis.

'13—Charles R. Bentley is in the law offices of Strong & Cadwalader at 40 Wall Street, New York City. His present address is 143 Montague Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'13—Covey F. Grider is practicing law at 816 Association Building, Chicago, Ill.