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In Memoriam

Warren Olney, Jr., 1870-1939

To the practice of law he brought the highest qualities of integrity, courage and learning. His service to his clients was interrupted by service as Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of California for a period, unfortunately for the state, too brief. In his earlier years and before the demands of practice overwhelmed him, he enjoyed the academic side of the law. For several years he taught at Hastings College of the Law, and from 1901 to 1908 lectured at the School of Jurisprudence. The older graduates will remember his course in evidence not alone for the technical knowledge of the subject but even more for the education that came from contact with the man. May it not be that the learning and insight into the law of evidence displayed in such cases as *In re Walker's Estate* [(1919) 180 Cal. 478, 181 Pac. 792], *In re McNamara's Estate* [(1919) 181 Cal. 82, 183 Pac. 552, 7 A. L. R. 313] and *Adkins v. Brett* [(1920) 184 Cal. 252, 193 Pac. 251] derived in part from his teaching and research?

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“Replying to yours of yesterday relative the deficit in the California Law Review, I enclose herewith fifty dollars as my contribution toward making up the deficit. The publication is a good one and we will have to support it.

Yours very truly,
Warren Olney, Jr.”

If a student entering upon the study of law with a view to practice and with the enthusiasm and ideals of youth should ask, “Can you show me a lawyer whose life I may follow?” the unhesitating answer could be given, “Warren Olney, Jr.”