GEORGE PURCELL COSTIGAN, JR. (1870-1934)

George Purcell Costigan, Jr., Emanuel S. Heller Professor of Law and Acting Dean of the School of Jurisprudence of the University of California, died in Berkeley, November 18, 1934.

Professor Costigan had been a member of the Faculty of the University of California for twelve years. In research and in the selection and organization of materials, his casebooks fulfill the most exacting requirements, while the skill with which he developed his subject in the classroom won him general recognition as a masterly teacher.

It is the intention of the Review to dedicate a number during the present year to Professor Costigan. It is hoped to devote such number to the field which was perhaps nearest to his heart and in which he had done the early work and made the most permanent contribution—the field of the legal profession and its ethics. In the preface to his casebook written only last year, Professor Costigan said:

"This new edition of this pioneer book of source materials on the history, traditions, etiquette and ethical standards of the Legal Profession in England and in the United States is a thorough revision of the earlier edition with the aim of making it a more effective aid to classroom presentation of the subject with which it deals. The idea back of it has been to give history and etiquette the emphasis to which they are entitled and yet to stress, in the main, the fundamental professional practices and moral problems which govern and frequently confront the lawyer of today."

In that volume alone Professor Costigan has fully repaid the debt every lawyer owes to his profession.