

TRIBUTES TO MR. GWINN.

Appropriate Action Taken in the Courts on His Death.

HIS HIGH STANDING AS A LAWYER.

Eulogies by Ex-Governor William Pinkney Whyte, Attorney-General Poe, Colonel Marshall, Bernard Carter—Johns Hopkins University Trustees.

The death of Mr. Charles J. M. Gwinn, ex-attorney-general of Maryland, was formally announced yesterday in a number of the courts of Baltimore, which adjourned in respect to his memory.

The announcement was made in the Criminal Court by ex-Governor and ex-Attorney-General Whyte, who said in part: "An intimate friendship with Mr. Gwinn from early manhood made me thoroughly acquainted with his life and character. Such was his position at the bar, such the discharge of all the public functions committed to him, such the fulfillment of all his private obligations as son, brother, husband, father, it is eminently fit that formal notice of his decease should be taken by the court and by his professional brethren. He was clear in his perception of legal principles, prompt in determining what were new questions and what had been adjudicated, and he was able by inductive reasoning to demonstrate the correctness of his conclusions. He met the public expectation in every office that he filled, and he performed all their duties without stain or reproach attaching to his character."

States' Attorney Kerr seconded Mr. Whyte's motion to adjourn the court, and in response Judge Harlan said: "In the death of Mr. Gwinn the State of Maryland has lost one of its most prominent citizens and the bar of Baltimore one of its most distinguished members. While zealously and successfully serving the interests of a large and influential clientage, he gained for himself the respect and confidence of the community and deservedly enjoyed a high reputation as a skillful advocate, a safe counsellor and an accomplished and able lawyer. His mind has left an impress upon the jurisprudence of our State such as few others have."

Attorney-General Poe made the formal announcement and motion to adjourn in the Superior Court. He characterized Mr. Gwinn as a broad-minded and accomplished lawyer who was conspicuous for his eminent qualities. "The opinions of the Court of Appeals were a constant tribute to his genius during the eight years he was attorney-general," continued Mr. Poe. "From the time he was graduated at Princeton, when not eighteen years old, until the day of his death, he was a conspicuous figure. He was a man of unusual vigor of mind."

Mr. Wm. T. Brantly, secretary of State, also spoke, seconding Mr. Poe's motion. He said he deplored the loss of a kind and considerate friend in Mr. Gwinn, whose power of legal diagnosis he regarded as his most striking characteristic. "It is high praise to say of any man that he was a truly eminent lawyer," concluded Mr. Brantly, "but Mr. Gwinn was that and more."

In his response Judge Ritchie said: "I learned to admire and respect Mr. Gwinn both as a man and as an able lawyer. He was not only a distinguished lawyer of our State, but he was recognized as one of the able lawyers of the country."

Col. Charles Marshall also paid a tribute to Mr. Gwinn's character and ability in announcing his death in the Court of Common Pleas. Mr. Wm. I. Cross also spoke and Judge Phelps responded in appropriate terms.

In the City Court Mr. Bernard Carter spoke of his long acquaintance with Mr. Gwinn and the high standing of Mr. Gwinn in the legal profession. Mr. Henry J. Broening spoke also and Judge Wright responded.

Mr. James Pollard announced Mr. Gwinn's death in the Circuit Court and Judge Dennis responded.

Mr. John T. Morris made the announcement in the Orphans' Court and Mr. George Savage also spoke. They were responded to by Chief Judge Lindsay.

A joint meeting of the trustees of the Johns Hopkins Hospital and the Johns Hopkins University was held at the University in the afternoon. Nearly all the members of both boards were present. A minute recording the services which Mr. Gwinn has rendered to both foundations was presented, adopted and ordered to be printed, and a resolution of respect and condolence was also adopted. These minutes may be found in the advertising columns of THE SUN.

Remarks were made by various members of the boards. Dr. James Carey Thomas spoke as follows:

"I cannot forbear the expression in a few words of my sense of the great loss that this university has sustained in the death of Charles J. M. Gwinn. In common with those who shared the responsibility of the inception and development of the university, he constantly watched with satisfaction its increasing influence upon the country as well as upon this community. Mr. Gwinn's interest in the affairs of the university deepened with each year of its successful progress, and he became more and more devoted to its service. We can hardly realize at this time that the sudden removal by death of our friend and fellow-trustee, in the midst of his mental activity and usefulness, will henceforth deprive us of his valuable counsel and help."

The funeral of Mr. Gwinn will take place today from his home, 33 East Mt. Vernon Place. Rev. Dr. J. S. B. Hodges, of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, will conduct the services, which will be followed by a private burial in Greenmount Cemetery. The following honorary pallbearers have been selected: C. Morton Stewart, Wm. T. Dixon, Senator Arthur P. Gorman, Francis White, Charles F. Mayer, Judge David Fowler, Dr. Alan P. Smith and Col. Charles Marshall.