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NOTES AND COMMENTS

WILLIAM ALEXANDER HOKE—In the June issue of the LAW REVIEW, there appeared an article by Chief Justice Stacy, entitled *Chief Justice Hoke, Patriot and Great-hearted Fighter for the Right*. On July 1, 1925, Judge Hoke wrote the following letter to the Editor:

"I am in receipt of several copies of the June number of the NORTH CAROLINA LAW REVIEW containing, among other things, Judge Stacy's article about myself and write to thank you for this attention. My Brother Stacy in his kindness overstates my case, but I'm very glad for him to feel and write about me in the way he has and glad too for you to read and publish it. I hope to visit Chapel Hill sometime during the Summer School and am looking forward to it with much pleasure."

The letter reflects something of the directness, the frankness, the modesty, the lovable disposition and the great spirit which was Judge Hoke. We are happy that Judge Stacy's expression of love and

esteem for Judge Hoke reached the latter before his death. It isn't often that the praise which is well merited by a great man comes to him while he is still alive and able to appreciate it.

The State and the profession of the law suffered a great loss in the passing of such an outstanding judge and Christian gentleman.

THE JUDICIAL CONFERENCE—The first meeting of the Judicial Conference was held in Raleigh on June 25, 1925. The opening address was made by Chief Justice Stacy and various proposals and recommendations were suggested. The *LAW REVIEW* will have an account of this meeting in the next issue, and some of the more important recommendations will be then considered.

JOHN JOHNSON PARKER—The recent appointment by President Coolidge of John Johnson Parker as Judge of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fourth United States Judicial District recalls again the fact that this is a day when young men are to be found in positions of high responsibility. Born in 1885 in the town of Monroe, N. C.; graduated from the University in 1903 after four years of active college life during which he was twice president of his class, president of Phi Beta Kappa, also of the Dialectic Society, editor of the *Tar Heel*, debator and winner of oratorical contests; returning to the University as instructor in Greek the next year and also receiving his law degree; then engaging in a most active practice of law for fifteen years, Judge Parker arose to the top of his chosen profession. He was always actively connected with public life, and the *LAW REVIEW* is happy to see this great honor come to a man of such a high grade of intelligence, capacity and character as John Johnson Parker.