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W. LEWIS ROBERTS

The first issue of Volume 36 of this Journal was dedicated to Professor W. Lewis Roberts in 1947 when he retired as an active teacher in the College of Law. His interest in the law review and his contributions to it—like his belief in the importance of legal research generally—continued until his death on July 14, 1960. The Law Journal staff joins the Faculty and his former students and friends in taking note of the loss caused by his passing.

Professor Roberts assumed the Faculty editorship of the Kentucky Law Journal soon after he came to the University of Kentucky in 1920. These were formative years for the Law Journal which began publication in 1912. A graduate of the Harvard Law School and the University of Chicago Law School, he understood the intrinsic values in the publication of a good law review: to the school, to the student body and to the profession. He helped set the Journal on its continuing course in pursuit of these values. In addition, he was a precise teacher and scholar who respected the law as a learned profession. During his forty years at the Law School he regularly and continuously engaged in legal research and writing and published most often in the Kentucky Law Journal. Its pages record permanently his very substantial contribution to the advancement of legal knowledge.

