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Harriet S. Daggett is heading straight for the glory and the dangers of a legend. The glory needs no gilding; it rests in a mere account of her manifold accomplishments. The danger is that later generations may doubt that one woman could accomplish so much. They need not doubt. It is all true.

Professor Daggett's teaching career has covered forty-three years from the day she began teaching Latin and mathematics in Jennings, Louisiana, High School to the present day. Twenty-five years of that time has been spent as a faculty member of the Louisiana State University School of Law; for twenty-one of those years she has served as a full Professor of Law.

During these years of vigorous teaching, Dr. Daggett has also found time to obtain a doctorate at Yale Law School, to author a dozen significant volumes and to write full three score law review articles and reviews.

More important, during these years Professor Daggett has had the privilege of influencing greatly the lives of many men. Her outlook in her writings and in her teachings has never been limited by parish or class; it has ever been broad notwithstanding the intricacies and confinements of much of the law with which she had to deal. She has striven to and succeeded in giving her students a distrust of dogmatism and an awareness of the changing social tensions in every society which demand new schemata of adoption.

Professor Daggett has also been keenly aware of the obligations of citizenship. She has served as a member of the advisory council and Southern Regional President of the National Conference on Family Relations, as Chairman of the State Library Board, as member of the Board of Governors of the Louisiana Bar Association and as a member of council and an officer of the Louisiana State Law Institute. The list could go on at length.

Moreover, in many of these organizations, Mrs. Daggett served as an organizer and pioneer, paving the path for others to follow.

This semester Professor Daggett was presented with a gift bearing an inscription that expresses the feelings of the many she has taught and influenced:

“To Harriet S. Daggett. From the students and faculty of L.S.U. Law School with affection and appreciation for twenty-five years of guidance and inspiration.”

It expresses too, we hope, the feeling of many classes to come.