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Giants in the Earth

HERE were giants in the earth in those days." (Genesis 6:4)

It is well for institutions, as for individuals, to pause on the occasion of milestones like birthdays and anniversaries to reflect on the past and its meaning in the light of the present. The American Judicature Society began its corporate existence on July 15, 1913, and has now entered its fiftieth year of service in the cause of judicial reform. As readers turn the pages of this Golden Anniversary issue of the Journal, they may observe, as Moses did in writing of the antediluvian period, that the achievements we are reviewing were the work of men of towering stature.

Herbert Harley was a giant. Not physically, of course, nor even as a lawyer, but as a leader who came forward with an idea, with the means to effectuate it, and with the vision and drive to carry it through to realization, at a time when other men who were great lawyers and great judges were looking at the conditions Roscoe Pound had described and wondering how to go about correcting them.

Roscoe Pound was a giant, and still is, for he not only helped to bring the American Judicature Society into existence but is with us today to witness the completion of its first half-century. The American Judicature Society is one of many organizations and causes to which this great legal scholar and educator has devoted himself during the course of an exceptionally long and