

In Memoriam

D. T. OLIVER, LL.M., LL.D. (DUBLIN)

MR. OLIVER, whose death we all regret, had a varied career before he took up the teaching of law at Cambridge. He began as a Home Civil Servant, but, finding law more attractive, he took the London LL.B. as an external student, entered the Middle Temple and, on call to the Bar by that Inn, he left the Civil Service and engaged in practice for some years. It was while he was still practising that he came up to Trinity Hall at the age of 37 and was awarded a first-class in each part of the Law Tripos. Although he did not entirely abandon practice at the Bar, he and I returned from London to Cambridge in 1905 and we started teaching law in the same set of lodgings. We continued in this close local contact until some 15 years later, when we became fellows of our respective colleges. I can therefore support from personal knowledge the high tribute paid to his capacity as a teacher of law in the *Times* obituary notice. For many years he was Review Editor of this *Journal*, though latterly, owing to his increasing age, he availed himself gladly of the assistance of Dr. Ellis Lewis, who relieved him of practically all the work on this part of the *Journal*. Mr. Oliver's book on *Roman Law in Modern Cases* is a good illustration of his interest in the practical application of a topic which is too often regarded as of merely theoretical value to any student of English law.

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 R. P. F. ROBERTS, M.A., LL.B.

MR. ROBERTS' death was a great blow to the writer of this notice, for it severed, at any rate in this world, a strong personal friendship.

We had known each other many years and our social contact was as close as our touch with one another as lawyers. In the latter capacity, I was much indebted to him for his advice on both published and unpublished work of mine. He had the advantage of experience as a practitioner at the Bar before he became a teacher of law, and both his colleagues and those whom he taught benefited by this. The wide range of his college activities, especially during the recent war, made his life a very busy one, but his work did not prevent him from keeping in close touch with his pupils in spheres outside their work. He frequently played squash with them and shewed sympathetic interest in their other forms of recreation. His College and the Law School have sustained a grievous loss by his premature death.

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