

RETIREMENT OF PRINTER.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1946.

Present: MR. CHIEF JUSTICE VINSON, MR. JUSTICE BLACK, MR. JUSTICE REED, MR. JUSTICE FRANKFURTER, MR. JUSTICE DOUGLAS, MR. JUSTICE MURPHY, MR. JUSTICE JACKSON, MR. JUSTICE RUTLEDGE, AND MR. JUSTICE BURTON.

The CHIEF JUSTICE said:

For seventy-five years the opinions of this Court have been printed by Pearson's Printing Office. Mr. Clarence E. Bright entered that establishment in his youth nearly fifty-six years ago. Later he acquired ownership of the business which he continuously has managed for over forty years in a manner of helpfulness far beyond contractual obligation.

For more than a half-century Mr. Bright has served the Court with complete fidelity, bringing to his important and confidential work the advantages of unique skill and ability. At times the demands, both in volume of the work and for speed in dispatching it, exceeded what might be expected or required of a much larger establishment. But under the greatest pressures his resources invariably were equal to what was asked. He met these pressures not only with extraordinary efficiency but always with patience and courtesy. What is equally remarkable, not once in his long service was there suggestion that by carelessness or otherwise the large confidence imposed in him had not been strictly observed. His name belongs in the roll of those who have given themselves through long

years to the service of the Court with absolute devotion to its interests.

The Court desires to record its appreciation of Mr. Bright's efficiency and loyalty and to acknowledge the effective contribution of his aid in its work. We trust that in his retirement from active service he will find renewed vigor of health and the abiding satisfaction which comes from the consciousness of arduous duties performed to the complete satisfaction of those he served so well.

The Clerk is directed to record these remarks and to transmit a copy thereof to Mr. Bright.