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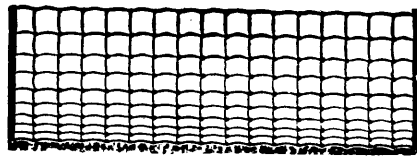
BOSTON, Mass., U.S.A.**DECISIONS IN COMMERCIAL LAW.**

LEADLEY V. MCGREGOR.—The plaintiffs were the executors of Charles McGregor, deceased, who in his lifetime was a member of an unincorporated benevolent society known as the Order of Scottish Clans. The constitution of the Order provided for the establishment of "a bequeathment fund," from which, on death of a member, a specified sum should be paid to his beneficiary, the member in his application directing to whom he desired his "bequeathment" paid. At the date of the admission of McGregor as a member of the Order, the bequeathment laws of the Royal Clan provided that the amount of bequeathment should be paid to the beneficiary designated on the bequeathment certificate. When McGregor was admitted to the Order he received a certificate, dated 8th December, 1891, which stated that he was entitled to the benefits of the bequeathment fund; that he named as his beneficiary "Duncan McGregor, father," subject to section 4 of the bequeathment constitution. In 1893 this section was amended so as to provide that the amount of bequeathment should be paid to the "wife, affianced wife, or relatives of or person dependent upon the member, as designated in his bequeathment certificate." By his will, dated 5th May, 1894, McGregor appointed the plaintiffs as his executors and trustees. About the date of the will he also signed a memorandum, endorsed on the bequeathment certificate, revoking his former direction as to the payment of the insurance due at his death, and directing such payment to be made to the plaintiffs as his executors. He delivered the certificate thus indorsed to the plaintiffs, who handed it to secretary of the Winnipeg branch of the Order for the purpose of having it forwarded to the proper officials of the Order to have the assignment in favor of the plaintiffs recognized by the Order. It was so forwarded and the officials refused to recognize it, on the ground that it was in contravention of the laws of the Order, and returned it to the plaintiffs. During the period occupied in the transmission to and from the officers, McGregor died, and the so-called assignment to the plaintiffs was never recognized by the Order. The special case states that the plaintiffs were not, nor was either of them, the wife, affianced wife, or relative of, or person dependent on McGregor, or persons designated in the certificate. Held by the Court of Queen's Bench in Manitoba that judgment should be entered for the defendant without costs. It is a settled doctrine in the courts of the United States that, in the case of a society having objects and a constitution similar to those of this Order, the member has no interest in the fund raised or to be raised, but merely a power to appoint an object to receive the same.

WHAT IS AN ORIGINAL ENTRY?

A legal decision on this point of interest to medical men was given the other day in a Pennsylvania court. A physician, Dr. J. B. Schively, made claim against the estate of his aunt for medical attendance. The matter went to court, payment being refused upon several points, one of which was that the book presented by the doctor as evidence was not a book of original entry. The book was one of the standard physicians' lists, in which calls are marked under dates by a dot, and then extended to the margin.

Judge Stewart disallowed the claim, on the ground that the book was not one of original entries, but was merely a book of memoranda. As the great majority of physicians use such lists, the decision is one of moment to all members of the medical profession, who make no other debit charges against patients. It would seem, if the above be good law, that no doctor should be content with merely making memoranda, of the kind described, in a handy note book, but must formally charge in his day-book or blotter each visit made or interview had with a patient, and each service rendered.

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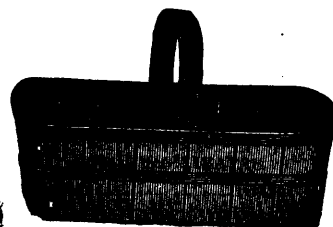
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