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For the Duration

AT FIFTY, is the American Judicature Society old, or is it young?
 Looking back to the day of its founding, July 15, 1913, it seems old. Most of its 20,000 members were children then, or not yet born. It has seen empires rise and fall. America has changed from an agricultural to an industrial nation, and the Society has helped to reshape the institutions of justice to meet the demands of changing times.

What of the next fifty years — or five hundred?

The one thing we may be most sure of is that the events of the next half-century will overshadow those of the last. Nuclear power will do the world's work; men will explore the universe. Whether life on earth will be better or worse depends upon how successful we are in learning to live with each other, as individuals and as nations. Justice is, and always will be, the great interest of mankind on earth, and the job of making it better, cheaper, surer, for everybody, will never be finished.

During the war many offices, agencies and institutions were created "for the duration," meaning until the war was won or the job was finished. If the American Judicature Society maintains its unique dedication to this endless job, its span of life will be, as stated in its corporate charter, perpetual, and in 2013, as in 1913 and 1963, it will be looking forward to a future of ever-expanding service and achievement.

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