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In our Autumn 2018 issue we reprinted several pages of marketing materials for a book published in 1901, *Thirty Years in Washington* by Mrs. John A. Logan. See 22 Green Bag 2d 49 (2018). About half of those pages were filled with endorsements of Logan's book by prominent public servants, including Chief Justice Melville Fuller and Justices Edward White and David Brewer of the U.S. Supreme Court. We heard from several readers who expressed surprise that even way back in those days (were they good and old?) members of the Court were involved in the book marketing business. To which we responded, "Oh, that was nothing – you should see what they were doing in the 19th century!" Here we offer a bit of evidence to support our exclamation: A four-page promotional pamphlet published by Lawyers' Co-op sometime in 1888 or early 1889. As the pages that follow show, judges may only be able to exercise their judicial and endorsement powers while they are alive (*cf. Yovino v. Rizo* (U.S. Feb. 25, 2019)), but the power of their opinions can live on. Those four pages also raise at least one question: Does endorsement by a majority of sitting Justices result in endorsement by the Court?

– *The Editors*

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