

DEFENDS BACON DECISION.

Chicago Jurist, Sharply Criticised,
Insists He Is Right.

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CHICAGO, April 22.—Judge Richard C. Tuthill, whose name has gone around the world as the first jurist to rule that Lord Francis Bacon was really the author of the famous works credited to William Shakespeare, tonight answered his critics for the first time.

His reply is couched in vigorous, though more delicate language than was used by some of the Shakespearean authorities, whose sarcastic comment undoubtedly would make them guilty of contempt of court were they within its jurisdiction.

"People who still take the position that Shakespeare wrote the poems for which the world has honored his name for centuries have not studied the question," said Judge Tuthill. "They are simply repeating what has been passed down to them through the ages. They are not familiar with recent developments. They know nothing about the proofs. When I say this I don't care whether they are college professors or not."

"It is tradition that Shakespeare is the author of these works. My critics have accepted the thing as true because it is old. There were persons, high authorities, who asserted there was no such thing as the law of gravitation. It was proved. The old world believed for centuries that the world was square. Adventurous seamen proved that it was not. It has been proved now that Bacon wrote those great poems which the world has thought another wrote.

"Before these literary authorities criticise they had better study and consider in their own minds whether they are not saying what they had been told. There is now undeniable proof that what they have been told is wrong. They have not stopped to ascertain what years of research have developed. I am indifferent to what they may say or think. I have talked more about this case than any other that has come before me. I will have no further statement to make."

Colonel William N. Selig, who sought to enjoin Colonel George Fabyan from publishing the Baconian cipher, purporting to establish the authorship of Bacon, announced he would carry the case to the highest courts.

Judge Tuthill said he was glad there was to be an appeal.

"It is a grave matter and should be set at rest once and for all," said the Court. "I am convinced that Bacon is the author of the plays Shakespeare is believed to have written, but there should be a final decision."

College professors referred to Judge Tuthill as an ass, a fool, absurd, nonsensical, and an advertiser.

Colonel Fabyan had something to say to the critics also.

"The professors expect to be told in a few hours what it has taken years to learn," said the Colonel. "They become impatient and skeptical if the intricacies of the cipher systems are too deep for a superficial study to bring results. The undeniable proof is there, and the men who consider themselves authorities are too hasty with their words."