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John Richard Caverly, city attorney of Chicago, has made rapid progress in his profession, and since becoming connected with the legal department of the city, about a decade ago, he has been continually in office, either in that connection or as a police magistrate, and through all the changes of administration has rendered faithful, earnest and impartial service.

JOHN R.  
CAVERLY.

Mr. Caverly was born in London, England, on the 6th of December, 1861, the son of James and Mary (Boulter) Caverly, natives respectively of Ireland and England. In his person is therefore combined that brightness and sturdiness which form the characteristics of a strong and successful man—popular, clear of head and practical of purpose, charitable and yet a keen judge of human nature.

Mr. Caverly was brought by his parents to Chicago when a boy of six years, and received his literary training in the Annunciation Parish School and St. Patrick's Academy, of that city, and his professional education in the law department of the Lake Forest University. In 1897 he obtained his degree of LL. B. from the latter institution, and almost immediately (in April) was appointed assistant city attorney, serving in that position until May 1, 1903. Mr. Caverly severed his connection with the city attorney's office upon the latter date, as he had been appointed justice of the peace and police magistrate at the Harrison Street police court, which has always been considered the most trying and responsible position of the kind in Chicago. He presided over the court with promptness and impartiality for more than three years, or until December 1, 1906, when the justice courts of this nature were abolished by law. His fine record as assistant city attorney, however, had followed him, and on New Year's day of 1907 he was appointed by Mayor Dunne to the head of the office, in which he is logically bound to increase the splendid reputation which he has already made.

In his personal politics John R. Caverly is a firm Democrat, although his convictions in this line have never influenced him in the

discharge of his official duties. He is a well known member of the Chicago Democratic and the Cook County Democratic clubs, and, professionally, is identified with the Chicago Bar and the Illinois State Bar Associations. He supports such social organizations as the Iroquois Club, the Illinois Athletic Club, and such fraternities as the Royal Arcanum and the Knights of Columbus. It will therefore be readily inferred that he is a remarkably busy man, and has little time to review his own achievements. His domestic life, which has been noticeably harmonious, was inaugurated by his marriage with Miss Charlotte J. Cochran, on the 15th of September, 1898.