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EDITORIALS

By CARL B. RIX.

Marquette Law Review can only justify its existence if it is the medium of expression of the best thought of the best lawyers of the State of Wisconsin. The auspicious but humble beginning has set the determination of the Editorial Board to make the *Review* a real force for the benefit of the legal profession of the State. The Editors need the co-operation and aid of attorneys and judges in that effort. A leading Milwaukee attorney recently congratulated one of the editors upon the standard of some of the articles of the first issues. He was reminded that the preparation of articles for publication by him and others of his standing was one sure way to maintain and improve the quality and worth of the *Review*.

Many new and interesting questions are briefed and submitted to the courts. It is not a difficult task to transform a carefully prepared brief into an interesting, instructive contribution by which other attorneys may be greatly benefited. Constructive criticisms of decisions which seem to run counter to the weight

of authority or which establish new law of doubtful worth cannot help but be beneficial to the bench and bar alike. The editors trust that this request will be earnestly considered and acted upon and that they may soon be placed in the happy position of real editors with a wealth of material from which to select. They will welcome criticisms of any articles appearing in the *Review* and will endeavor to publish such as will tend to develop discussions of questions of merit. A real opportunity for service to each other is before the constructive attorneys of Wisconsin.

BY THE EDITOR.

This issue of the *Marquette Law Review* ushers in a new group of officers who shall hold office until March 1st, 1918. The outgoing officers adopted a resolution thanking each and every one who helped make the *Review* a success. They also urged upon the present incumbents the necessity of maintaining a high literary standard, of contracting only with reputable advertisers and of earnest, consistent and co-operative effort on the part of the entire student body.

That the *Marquette Law Review* has become a success, and an established institution, here at the school and throughout the state, is beyond a doubt.

The new board takes this opportunity of going on record to promise the student body and our subscribers that the *Marquette Law Review* will be bigger and better than ever; that we will make any possible sacrifice within reason and strive with every effort to make Wisconsin's only legal magazine the leading legal publication in the Northwest.

We wish to express our regret to our subscribers in not being able to publish the articles on *Community Property* and the *Federal Employers' Liability Act* in this issue, but will be able to do so at a later date.



PATRIOTISM

Asked for a definition of patriotism, Rev. H. Noonan, S. J., our lecturer on Natural Law gave this answer: "Patriotism is a moral virtue that prompts a citizen to give to his country the love, reverence and obedience that are its due. It is a part of the virtue of piety that makes it incumbent upon us to honor our parents and our country because of their causal relation to us.

"Sentiment and feeling are accompaniments of patriotism but they do not constitute its essence. Moreover, there are many citizens that give utterance to patriotic clamors from the rooftops but fail to practise the virtue of patriotism. A true patriot is willing to die for his country, not because of sentiment or of a desire to have his name inscribed on the scroll of fame, but because he deems it his duty to do so if the supreme test of loyalty is called for. Practical patriotism, which can not be reconciled with pacifism, may at any hour demand the sacrifice of life in order that the republic may endure, and when it does the well-known words are applicable: '*Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.*' The pacifist asks his country not only to forego a right, but to neglect a sacred duty and this is inconsistent with true patriotism."