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The thirty-first annual meeting of the State Bar Association of Wisconsin will be held at Eau Claire on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 25, 26 and 27, commencing at two P. M. on June 25. It is urged that a good attendance be shown, especially by the younger members of the bar. The standing and special committees of the association have been very active in the consideration of matters entrusted to each.

It is expected that the Judicial Committee, in addition to its regular report, will present for the consideration of the convention the Canons of Judicial Ethics adopted by the American Bar Association, at its forty-seventh annual meeting at Philadelphia, on June 9, 1924. The canons are printed commencing at page 761 of Volume 49, Reports of American Bar Association.

Among those who will address the convention is Hon. E. E. Brossard, reviser of statutes, who will speak on the proper method of using the statutes. He will direct attention specifically to improvements in the plan, arrangement and means of finding the statute law, which the profession generally does not appear to utilize to the full extent intended.

Other speakers will include Professor Morgan of the Harkness Foundation, who has specialized in the law of evidence, and Professor John R. Commons of the University of Wisconsin, who has given much thought and study to questions of political science. There will also be
a paper on the notable changes in the Wisconsin statute law and a review of the notable decisions recently handed down by the supreme court of Wisconsin.

The work of the American Law Institute and the results thus far accomplished in the restatement of the common law will be detailed by the member of the General Council of that body representing Wisconsin; another interesting feature will be the report of the Committee on the proposed new Wisconsin Digest.

It is here attempted to state only a few of the features of the coming convention and any omissions made are not due to lack of importance, but rather to lack of space.

The Eau Claire County Bar Association is making great preparations for the reception and entertainment of the State Bar Association, arrangements already having been made to show the visiting members points of interest in and about Eau Claire with the promise that variety and interest will not be lacking. Those athletically and sportively inclined will be given ample opportunity to excel in the various lines in which they specialize during the recesses of the convention and as a part of the final Saturday afternoon program.

The Review has the pleasure of conveying the following message from Mr. William D. Thompson, president of the State Bar Association, to the Bench and Bar of Wisconsin:

The principal objects and purposes of the State Bar Association of Wisconsin are to better the personnel of the bench and bar, and to improve the profession and the practice of law.

In their accomplishment we must all enter the lists. The student does his part by improving his knowledge of law and of the affairs of life to his utmost capacity. The law school, in the limited time allotted, can teach only the fundamentals and direct the way to the acquirement, in after life, of that clear and distinct knowledge which makes the competent lawyer the leader of thought in the community in which he lives.

Admission to and membership in the bar demand that we assume that place in life to which the nature of our calling should adapt us. No profession is nearer to the agencies of government than that of the lawyer. Not only should he be qualified efficiently to invoke the aid of public authority on behalf of clients, but he must be fit to assume public office and employment in whatever capacity called upon.

Wisconsin stands in the forefront in simplified procedure and practice. He who attends the national gatherings of lawyers and listens to their discussions of reform in this field, may congratulate himself and his fellow citizens that many of the causes which make for unconscionable delay and denial of justice do not afflict us in our state courts.
But even at that, there remains much to do, and the general subject will be discussed by lawyers and judges who have given it special thought, and suitable action will be recommended at the next convention of our State Bar Association to be held at Eau Claire, June 25, 26 and 27.

To the active practitioner who loves his profession, and the judge who aims to keep in the forefront of the times, attendance at the meetings of our State Bar Association is, in and of itself, an education, for it is here that we exchange ideas and obtain each other's viewpoint. It affords a pleasant relaxation from the unremitting strain of professional care and judicial duty.

There is little if anything in the proceedings which could be considered abstruse. The younger members who join our association and attend our meetings will find material assistance in the practical problems confronting them.

We ask that every member of the Wisconsin Bar accept the personal invitation hereby tendered to affiliate actively with the State Bar Association of Wisconsin, and attend its next annual convention at Eau Claire, June 25, 26 and 27, 1925.

Racine, Wisconsin. (Signed) WM. D. THOMPSON, President.

May 20, 1925.

Attention is directed to the two views of the law school presented in this issue. The first presents the modern, fire-proof, well-equipped law building which represents the fulfillment of a long-felt wish and the final culmination of bringing the law school into one building and under one roof. This is the exclusive workshop and home of the student from the time the lectures begin in the morning until the building is closed at night. It has served to develop the atmosphere of professional study and discussion upon which the success of every school is so largely dependent.

The second view presents the library study room which has been named Father Grimmelsman Room in honor of a former president of the university. The grandeur of this room was made possible by a special donation of $50,000 from the estate of Mrs. Kramer. It is approximately sixty feet long and thirty feet wide. The roof is high pitched, and there are large ornamental windows at either end. Directly opposite the entrance is an immense stone fireplace. The general design is similar to the Old Hall of the Middle Temple, Inns of Court, and other collegiate buildings in England.

Commencing with the fall term, the following requirements are necessary for admittance to the law school: Candidates for the LL.B.
degree must be over eighteen years of age and have, (1) graduated from a recognized college or university, or (2) have completed two years of college work in a recognized college or university, or (3) such work as would be acceptable for admission to the third or junior year of the College of Liberal Arts of Marquette University, or the recognized colleges in Wisconsin.

Marquette Law School announces its Sixth Annual Summer Session, June 15, to July 25, 1925. Six credits will be given in the following courses: Sales, International Law, and either Conflict of Laws or Partnership. Those contemplating attending are urged to communicate with the secretary of the law school at once.

As has often been stated in this column, it is the aim of the REVIEW to be of real service to the Bench and Bar. The editors have at all times endeavored to secure contributors who would offer manuscripts, not so much on the historical or unimportant phases of the law, but contributors who would aid and benefit our readers—contributors who would expend their efforts in an endeavor to crystallize the theoretical into the concrete, to discuss and diffuse the philosophy of the law; in other words, to present their brethren at the Bar with thoughts that would be constructive and worth while, and the caliber of which would be worthy of proving beneficial to the courts in reaching their decisions.

There are many lawyers among our subscribers who have the ability and persistence to afford such assistance to the profession. It is impossible for the editors to reach all of these men personally but at the same time, we again wish to extend to them the use of our columns. We urge the members of the legal profession to communicate their ideas and theories to us that we might lay them before their attorneys, that a closer bond might be formulated between the members of the Bar, and that the purpose of the REVIEW might be successfully achieved.

The present volume marks the successful and permanent formation of the Marquette University Alumni Legal Directory. This department was established in pursuance of numerous suggestions from our alumni that such a directory would prove both interesting and beneficial. That this end has been accomplished can best be judged from the many letters received by the REVIEW from alumni attesting how the directory has proven of service to them.

With the next volume, it is the aim of the REVIEW to incorporate a greater and more extensive directory. If the alumni will co-operate with us and forward their names and addresses so as to reach us by
October 15, 1925, it would be appreciated and any suggestions will be gratefully received. Names are inserted at the nominal rate of $2.00 a year (four issues), which barely covers the cost of printing.

Notes and Comment is another section which was embodied in the Review with the current volume. This section affords a medium for contribution from the student body of the law school. Here, recent decisions of the Supreme Courts of the various states are briefly reviewed with the aim of bringing forth certain paramount principles of the law and the construction and interpretation given them in the different jurisdictions. This section serves a two-fold purpose: the exhaustive research required is certain to aid the student in his desire to attain a knowledge of the law; it should prove beneficial to the profession insofar as it affords a compact and simple presentation of live questions of present day law. Read this section. It is worth while.

The reception with which the Bound Volumes of the Review has been received is gratifying. So great has been the demand that it will be necessary to reprint several back numbers during the summer months. It is hoped that every alumnus will avail himself of these bound volumes. Full information as to prices, rebates, etc., may be found on the rear page of this issue.

This number contains an index to volume nine. Realizing that an index exhaustive in its analysis would prove of real service to our readers, there will be published in the near future a complete and comprehensive Index-Digest covering all articles which have appeared since the formation of the Review.

The Review is compelled reluctantly to announce that with the advent of the next volume, the subscription price will be increased to $2.00 per year. As the actual cost of publication of the Review—exclusive of any charge for editorial work, manuscript or office overhead—exceeds the present subscription price, the necessity and fairness of the increase is obvious. Several other similar publications, of no greater size or quality, are now charging a subscription price of from $2.50 to $3.00. The Review hopes always to serve the legal profession at the lowest possible cost.

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