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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE NEW YEAR

In the November issue for last year we had an announcement summarizing the accomplishments of the Indiana State Bar Association during the preceding year and a prophecy that the then coming year would see work of a different kind but of surely as great, if not greater, importance than had been accomplished in the past. This prophecy has been amply justified. During the proceeding year in particular the efforts for reform of criminal procedure were carried on by a committee of the Indiana State Bar Association and the results of that work were published in the *Journal*. Especially due to the unremitting efforts of our President, Mr. William A. Pickens, these suggestions for the reform of criminal procedure and criminal law in Indiana were embodied into bills which, for the most part, were enacted into statutes by the recent session of the Indiana legislature. This was work of importance and its value for the future of the law in Indiana ran hardly be overestimated. Along with California which passed very sweeping reforms during its legislative session last year, Indiana is now regarded as one of the leaders in reform legislation in the field of criminal law.

In addition to the work in criminal law, Mr. Pickens and the other members of our Association who have worked with him, were able to secure the passage of the vasectomy bill and other legislation of the first importance for the efficient administration

of justice and the well being of the State. The work of our new President, James A. Van Osdol of Anderson, in connection with the oratorical contests dealing with the Constitution, together with other successful and important efforts of the association, is a matter of just pride to all our members.

Indiana lawyers feel that the *Law Journal* was a necessary instrument of the State Bar Association in the furtherance of this work. In addition to this legislative program our readers remember the other legal questions discussed by the *Journal* in the material published during the preceding year. With two years of such usefulness behind us, it would require considerable hardihood to say that we will surpass that record this year. There will be no session of the legislature and there is perhaps no general public movement in fields of peculiar interest to lawyers that is comparable to the agitations which prevailed a year ago. It is likely, therefore, that in matters which receive particular public attention we will not this year exceed our previous work. On the other hand, it is hoped that we will do better work this year than ever before in the matter of printing material which will tend to strengthen and improve the substantive and adjective law in the state to the immediate advantage of our members and the legal profession in this jurisdiction, and indirectly to the advantage of the whole people.

Our members will understand, however, that such an accomplishment this year will be dependent on their active co-operation. It would be particularly fortunate if lawyers throughout the state who have recently been engaged in litigation involving some interesting legal issue or who have made a particular study of some branch of the law would send in an article or a comment dealing with these points or with particular court decisions that have involved these points. Every lawyer who is interested in his profession and who is worthy of his profession is anxious to contribute something to the better administration of justice and to the development of the law. It is largely inertia that prevents many lawyers from sending in articles from time to time for the *Law Journal*. It is not difficult to get a lawyer to make speeches or to attend various conferences or banquets that involve great consumption of time and effort. When a request is made, however, for them to expend less time and effort in the preparation of an article of far greater service to the law and the state at large than these other activities, they demur or raise various objections which they would not raise to speech making, interminable committee meetings, or banquets. It will be a splendid thing for the *Law Journal* and greatly to the professional advan-