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## MESSAGE OF THE SECRETARY

At the mid-winter meeting two years ago the Indiana State Bar Association, in an effort to encourage the active participation of younger members of the bar in Association affairs, amended its By-Laws so as to provide for junior and student memberships. The junior membership is available to those who have been admitted to practice less than five years while student memberships are open to those students enrolled in law schools having a three year course of study. Annual dues for these two classifications of membership are \$2.00 and \$1.00, respectively.

Within this short period of time more than 500 newly admitted lawyers and law school students have responded to the invitation to become identified with the Indiana State Bar Association. At the present time there are on the membership rolls of the Association 177 junior members and 408 student members. The rapid increase in these memberships is only one indication of the interest these younger lawyers are taking in the Association. It is encouraging to note that they are most willing and anxious to serve on the various committees of

the Association and are interested readers of and contributors to the Indiana Law Journal. They have helped to swell the attendance at both the mid-winter and summer meetings in spite of the financial sacrifice which the trip to the meeting place in some instances entails.

The Association is benefiting directly and in a variety of ways from these new classifications of membership. At the last session of the Legislature the Association found its warmest supporters among the junior members who were serving in either the House or Senate, and the success of the Judicial Council Bill was largely due to the efforts of these men who overcame the hostility of some of the older lawyers in the Assembly.

Another encouraging result of this new program is that members admitted as students almost invariably rejoin the Association as junior members after they graduate from law school, and junior members continue on as regular members after the expiration of the five year period. Both student and junior memberships carry all the privileges of regular membership, including subscription to the INDIANA LAW JOURNAL, although student members may not vote at the meetings.

If you know of any young lawyers or law school students who should join this rapidly growing division of the Indiana State Bar Association, write to this office for an application card.

*Thomas C. Batchelor, Secretary.*

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