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Your Secretary attended the meeting of State Bar Association Secretaries held on August 30th at Milwaukee in connection with the annual meeting of the American Bar Association. The Secretaries present exchanged experiences and reports of their respective organizations and some valuable ideas were obtained which will prove helpful to our Association.

In respect to membership, financial stability, publications and other association activities it was found that Indiana compared very favorably with the other state associations represented. In recognition of the younger members of the Bar the Indiana State Bar Association appeared to be considerably in advance of some of the other states which brings us to a consideration of the results of our new policy of offering special membership inducements to the younger lawyers.

At the mid-winter meeting last year membership dues for those practicing less than five years were fixed at \$2.00 per year. Law School students were permitted to join as associate members for \$1.00. In addition the payments on new membership applications of all classes was fixed proportionately according to the time of year application was made. A new member joining during the last quarter of the year, for instance, is now required to pay only one-fourth of the regular dues for such year and a similar reduction is made for each quarter.

The result of this new policy has been not only increased membership but also increased interest on the part of the younger members of the Association.

Since the new plan was adopted there has been added to the roll 118 Junior members and 185 Associate members, or Law School students. There also has been an encouraging increase in regular members.

THOMAS C. BATCHELOR,
Secretary.