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Message of the Secretary

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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

Since the appointment of the committees for the ensuing year, those who have reports to make at the mid-winter meeting have been active in their work and we hope to have some real progress to record at that meeting.

Mr. Cole, our vice-president and chairman of the membership committee, is working diligently securing new members and perfecting his organization in the various districts.

The date for the mid-winter meeting has not been definitely determined, but since the last annual meeting was held later than usual it is thought best to have the next meeting not earlier than January. We presume the usual custom of having this meeting in Indianapolis will be followed.

The board of managers will meet in the near future to determine the date and we shall try to arrange an interesting and instructive program.

Of course, each member will be personally notified of the date, and we shall look forward to having a large attendance.

Fred C. Gause, President.

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 INDIA 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INDIANA JUDICIAL COUNCIL

The Indiana State Bar Association Bill for the creation of a Judicial Council was enacted into law by the 1935 session of the Indiana General Assembly. The act provided for the selection of representatives from the Supreme and Appellate Courts and the selection of two Circuit or Superior Court Judges by the Supreme Court. Judge Curtis Roll was selected from the Supreme Court, Judge Harvey Curtis from the Appellate Court and Judge Sumner Kenner of Huntington and Judge Herdis Clements of Mount Vernon from the Circuit Courts. The act further provided for the selection of two members of the bar and a member of a faculty of a law school located in Indiana to be appointed by the Governor. The Governor appointed Mr. George O. Dix of Terre Haute, Mr. Paul Y. Davis of Indianapolis and Bernard C. Gavit of Bloomington. Under the act the Chairman of the Judiciary A Committees in the Senate and the House of Representatives are ex officio members of the Council. Senator Jesse E. Wade of Mount Vernon and State Representative Martin J. Downey of Hammond held these offices at the last session of the General Assembly.

The organization meeting of the Council was held in Indianapolis October 14, 1935. Judge Roll was elected Chairman and Bernard C.