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LEGAL INSTITUTES

Our State Bar Association should and does desire to be of practical benefit to the members. To do so it should select some activity that will be of useful service to the membership, and then carry it forward, and as it succeeds in furnishing such service to its members it gathers strength for the whole organization.

From the records of other Bar Associations many instances of successful activities can be gleaned. For us this selection must be one which we can pay for from the limited funds at our command. Legal Clinics or Legal Institutes, so called, which give genuine instruction by experts in matters which lawyers ought to know about is growing in popularity all over the country. The movement is taking three main channels, legal institutes, practicing law courses which are being given in the larger cities, and district clinics which are serving the lawyers of smaller communities.

And while the first two might not be possible or feasible in this state, it would seem that the last could be fitted to our needs, as our bar is nearly all located in the smaller communities. This method brings the advantage of the legal institute to the lawyer in the small community. It would feature for discussion the subjects of the lawyer's everyday practice. We have many lawyers in this state with the experience and the ability to turn out the kind of lectures that would deal interestingly with the ordinary problems of the practicing lawyer; and would be conceived with the idea that not only does the younger lawyer need training in the procedural aspects of the law, but that the older ones who are a little rusty in these matters would be just as much benefited.

The central town in each judicial district would most likely be the best place for the meeting. At least one clinic in each for the first year. Many district associations in other states have as many as three of these meetings each year in the country districts.

These clinics would serve a double purpose. In the first place they would enable the bar to give a fuller and better service to the public, and they would also give our state association a stronger grip upon the membership through practical benefits conferred which cannot be attained in any other way.

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