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I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the honor conferred on me to all the members of the North Dakota Bar, whether they were present at the Valley City meeting or were listed as absent.

Just two weeks have passed since our meeting, but in that short time it has been brought to me most forcibly that the responsibility going with the office of president is most varied and far reaching.

You will all bear in mind that the officers of your association can do little without the active cooperation of the entire membership. Your past president, Mr. Murphy, did a wonderful work and the record he established I can never hope to better.

During the past year, great stress was laid on the value and importance of your local bar organizations and meetings. I consider this of the greatest importance, and feel that without active, militant local associations we are neglecting the best opportunity to advance the interests of our profession in the solving of our varied problems.

Let me then most emphatically urge the bar of every city and county and district to meet and organize. You can submit your problems, needs and recommendations to your State Executive Committee, who I know will give all matters most careful and earnest consideration.

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We all want to better ourselves and by united action will do so. You know, that you cannot help your state association without also helping yourself. It is the true biblical saying of "casting bread upon the waters."

You all do plenty of fighting in court. Then why not forget it when you leave the court room, and proceed as a unit to make every community respect the legal profession.

There may at some time appear a black sheep in our fold. The remedy is not in shouting his color to the public. The cure is either in reform by a heart to heart talk, or banishment from the Bar through the proper channels. Throwing stones never built up a structure, an organization or profession.

I most earnestly solicit your cooperation in carrying out any of the suggestions on this page and assure you that your recommendations will at all times receive prompt and careful consideration.

L. J. PALDA, JR.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the State Bar Association as re-organized under the Bar Association Act of 1921, was held in Valley City, North Dakota, on July 16th and 17th, 1937. The Convention was well attended, and much interest was manifested. The meetings were held in the Court Rooms of the beautiful Barnes County Court House.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A. M.

President C. J. Murphy of Grand Forks, N. D., presided.

The President's Address, by Hon. C. J. Murphy, and that of Hon. A. M. Christianson, Chief Justice of our Supreme Court were the features of the morning session, both of which were highly interesting and instructive, and were followed with close attention by their hearers, and many comments of appreciation were made at their close.

President Murphy's address was upon *The Lawyer*, and was a strong justification for the profession.

Judge Christianson address was upon *The History of our State Constitution and the contrast of power under it with constitutions of our sister state, Minnesota* was shown strikingly in favor of our constitution.

At the afternoon session outstanding addresses were delivered by Joseph M. Powers of Fargo upon the Junior Bar Conference; and by Hon. Charles D. Hamel of Washington upon *Federal Taxation*, and in the evening Hon. L. B. Nichols of the Department of Justice, Washington addressed a meeting of the bar to which the public were invited upon *Criminal Law Enforcement*. These addresses were enthusiastically received, and furnished much for sober thought and consideration by the profession.