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THE MEETING OF THE STATE BAR

The State Bar will meet on the 10th and 11th of August, 1936 at Fargo.

A general invitation is extended to all members of the Bar in good standing to attend the meeting.

The judges of the different courts in the state, including county judges, city magistrates, district judges, supreme court judges, the Attorney General and his assistants, and the states attorneys of the different counties, are also invited to attend this meeting.

Important papers will be read and considered, and the prize for the best essay will be announced. Therefore, all applicants for the prize must be sure to first, comply with the rules laid down for their eligibility and, second, file with the President of the Association on or about the first day of July, 1936 their papers and in a separate envelope their full name, but no name or other indication of authorship must be attached to the envelope containing the essay itself. The Executive Committee will be called together early in July to select three judges outside of the state to pass on the competitors.

Attorneys desiring to attend the meeting should make reservations at the various hotels in Fargo as soon as possible, as it is expected in view of the fact that President Ransom of the American Bar Association will deliver an address on the 10th of August, that all should be present and register before, if possible, the first day of the meeting.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public generally to attend these meetings. It is believed that the attendance

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will be large. Therefore, this June Message by the President is a resume and warning to the bar of the state that they arrange their affairs in such a manner as to be in attendance upon the meeting.

M. A. HILDRETH,
President.

PRE-BAR ACQUAINTANCE WITH BAR ASSOCIATION WORK

"Within a few years, the work, the leadership, and the policies of the legal profession will be largely in the hands of lawyers who now are in the Junior Bar, under 35 years of age," says President Ransom of the American Bar Association. "Within the same period of time, the leadership and the activities of the dynamic Junior Bar will come into the hands of men now in the Law Schools and men who have not yet entered the Law Schools.

"In the presence of this continuing transition through flight of time, the men now active in the Bar Associations, local, State and National, are naturally interested that law school students shall have pre-Bar acquaintance with the purposes and spirit of the organized Bar. We could not afford to let young men wander into the profession without realization of the duties and responsibilities of their high calling, and could not afford to let them remain aloof during the hard, formative years when they need most the friendly help and cooperation of Bar Association activities.

"Now many years ago the legal profession in America had little sense of public obligation as a profession, and was just a lot of lawyers practicing law—intensely individualistic, sharply critical of each other, but little disposed to do anything to raise the standards of the profession and make it a better instrument of public service. Well, that picture has begun to change, and has already changed considerably in not a few States. By and large, the lawyers of the whole country are becoming aroused to a keener sense of their public duties and responsibilities, and are beginning to go into action along lines that have been too long delayed. I am happy to be able to report to you that American lawyers are coming to do, for and about their profession, a great deal of the same kind of straight thinking and hard work which they do for their clients.

"Gone are the days when Bar Associations—local, State or National—do or can represent the views or the participation of only a minority, no matter how wise or patriotic that minority may be. The rank and file of the practicing lawyers are moving in and are taking charge—the men who do the real work of the profession—and the younger lawyers are coming in to work along with them. Grave as are the problems which beset our profession and our country—and I would be the last to underestimate their gravity—I believe that a militant and truly representative organization of American lawyers will bring new resources of wisdom and leadership, for their democratic solution. There are many tasks and duties which call for the best which the lawyer can give, in the interests of the public as well as the legal profession.

"So my plea here, to the younger lawyer and to the law student not yet enrolled in the profession, is for his use to the utmost of such time as he can spare, in the tasks of good citizenship, and of the legal profession. Our country needs the able and disinterested counsel and leadership of the whole of its legal profession, and not merely the counsel and leadership of an elderly minority. This profession and its prob-