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system of national government so little liable to well-founded objections."

And so, as the heat of political campaigning dies away, and men again assume the soberer, less contentious viewpoint of plain citizenship and statesmanship, may we not retire, as Washington did, to meditate on the work which the convention executed, and offer to its perpetuation the same steadfast devotion and service?

Until men and women put on the uniforms of the hosts of Heaven we shall not see perfection. If that fundamental law be now found defective, let it be amended; but let no attempt at "progress" be made that is not founded and grounded in the principles enunciated in this "most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man."

Security of life, liberty, and property rests in and upon it. Steadfastly let us adhere to it, and not permit today's desire to cause tomorrow's regret because we attempted an approximation of perfection without it.

WELL SAID, MR. PERRY

The Conference of Bar Association Delegates listened to an address by Stuart H. Perry, Member of the Michigan Bar, publisher of the *Adrian Telegram*, director of the *Associated Press*, and member of the Michigan Judicial Council. That address was reprinted in December in the *Journal of the American Judicature Society*, and we wish we had the space for it because it says so many pertinent things concerning our judicial system. We quote one small part of it, selecting a thought that needs considerable further cultivation here.

"Let no one imagine that any process of education, or any state of opinion, will force the unscrupulous lawyer to withdraw from the profession, any more than it would force the burglar to mend his ways. For the type of man euphemistically referred to as the *unscrupulous lawyer* is really a *criminal*. He is guilty not merely of unethical conduct, but of felonies—of such offenses as embezzlement, perjury, larceny, obtaining money under false pretenses. That is the sort of conduct that comes to light in the infrequent cases where crooked lawyers are finally overtaken by disbarment proceedings. Such offenders well know that their methods are condemned by public and professional opinion, but they operate in contempt and in defiance of it. The essence of the whole situation is that the evils in professional conduct proceed from a minority that is not improvable. That element is also permanent by reason of *continual renewal*, for crooks and shysters will always find a market for their services. The bar can be purified only by eliminating that element or rigidly controlling it. That can be accomplished only by an integrated bar endowed with ample authority for such action. Such authority should also enable the bar to establish its own requirements for admission, with the double aim of elevating the standard of legal education and of reducing the number of lawyers."

FIRST RESTATEMENT COMPLETED

The American Law Institute announces the completion of the first Restatement of the Law. It covers the field of contracts, and represents the labor of nine years. Says the *American Bar Association Journal*, editorially:

"The restatement of contracts is now presented to the profession. It may be taken as the well-considered opinion of Bench and Bar and School as to what the Common Law is on the subject. But it is more than that. It is intangible evidence that the difficulties inherent in the Common Law system with its increasing mass of decisions—difficulties which might eventually overwhelm the system itself with an impossible task—can be met by the united efforts of the profession. It promises the complete rescue of 'Our Lady of the Common Law'."

UNEMPLOYMENT RESERVE PLANS

The Commission appointed by Governor White of Ohio presents the following proposal for enactment into law, in order to deal with future unemployment situations: Employers are to contribute two per cent of their payrolls, and the workers are to contribute one per cent of their wages to a reserve fund. This fund will be administered by the state. An unemployed worker, after waiting three weeks, will be able to draw from this fund 50% of his former wages for the first 16 weeks of idleness, but not to exceed \$15 per week. Any earnings gained through part-time work are to be deducted from such payments.

WHY NOT BE SENSIBLE?

The editor isn't a "dry." Birth and early training in Germany explains that. He believes in the American Constitution. Its adoption by him and of him explains that. Amendment of the Constitution is the only American road to "wetness." Let's be sensible, and admit that Congressmen who fail to vote for "beer bills" prior to such amendment are not entitled to criticism.

THANKS

Hon. A. G. Divet, Washington, wrote (re August "Versailles—Lausanne—?" editorial: "It is the best I've seen." Mr. A. E. Clark, Portland, writes (generally re Bar Briefs): "They are very interesting and attractive, indeed the best of publications of this kind that I have seen."

FELL SHORT ON OUR WISH

Our expressed desire to have at least a 90% return of ballots on the Bar Board referendum was not gratified, but we did make a record over all previous referendums by obtaining an 84% return—483 ballots out of a possible 574.

The canvassing committee, consisting of Hon. John Burke, F. E. McCurdy and L. J. Wehe, announced the following result of the balloting:

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