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Adherence to the Court will commit the United States simply to upholding the principle of applying international law to the settlement of certain classes of international disputes, provided in every case the parties agree to the Court's jurisdiction.—Contributed.

BALLOTING VIGOROUS

More than 400 ballots had been returned by the lawyers of the state up to the date of printing this month's issue of Bar Briefs. This is the most satisfactory showing ever made on a Bar referendum. We, of course, do not expect a 100% return of the ballots, but we should like to see the record run to 90%, and, therefore, urge those who have not yet returned the ballots to do so before the expiration of the return date, December 5th.

ASSESSMENT PROGRESS

To the date of this month's publication of Bar Briefs, twenty-three attorneys have paid the assessment ordered by the annual meeting for the purpose of furthering the prosecution of cases against unauthorized practitioners. This number is less than 4% of the membership of the State Bar. The Committee on Unauthorized Practice might be interested in knowing if this means lack of interest or financial unpreparedness.

NOTICE TO STRIKE

We are informed by the Secretary of the State Bar Board that the last request for payment of 1932 license fees has gone out, and that the names of those failing to comply before December 1st will be certified to the Court for appropriate action. The appropriate action, we are informed, means striking the names from the list of those qualified to practice.

WE BLUSH

Ohl & Co. vs. Iron Works, 57 Fed. 2nd Series 44 records that signing a bill of exceptions with initials of the Judge was insufficient to satisfy the Act of Congress, which specifies authentication to be sufficient "if signed by the judge." We agree with the reporter of the case that "decisions of this kind make the law ridiculous in the eyes of litigants and the public, and the courts ought to understand this and avoid raising such issues."

COLLECTION NOTICES

A recent issue of Bar Briefs carried samples of the collection slips ordered by the annual meeting. These are available to the lawyers of the State, free of charge, upon application to the Secretary. The best method to make them readily available will be for local Bar secretaries to write for a supply.