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view of the efforts of the officers and committees, there was a general attendance at the evening meeting. The principal speakers at that time were President Fred J. Traynor of the State Bar Association, and U. S. District Judge Andrew Miller. Others on the regular program were: Francis Murphy, of Fargo; E. J. McIlraith, of Crosby; Earl Walters, of Bowbells; L. J. Palda, Jr., of Minot; and Mrs. V. E. Stenerson, of Minot.

The medical profession recognized the value of these "district clinics" much sooner than the lawyers, but the lawyers seem to be finding the same type of pleasure and profit in them, according to Secretary Brace.

COLLECTIVE ADVERTISING

Under the leadership of ex-President Kvello, of Lisbon, the Bar of Ransom County is undertaking some collective advertising in connection with the community's monthly commercial sales days. The following is a sample:

"Few realize the importance of having their wills drawn while they are in good health and before it is too late. It means a good deal to the wife who will be left to look after matters when the husband is gone. It is not fair to her to leave it unsettled. This is something that your doctor, minister or banker is not trained to do for you. Your local lawyer will do this important work for you right. Why not talk it over with him now?"

BAR ASSOCIATION LEGISLATION

Two of the three bills sponsored by the Bar Association passed through the lashing, larruping gauntlet of the rapping "racket" of legislative inquisition, and are being passed to the Governor for signature. They were the bills relating to mortgage foreclosures and educational requirements for admission. The third, defining the practice of law, received too much "corrective" castigation. Its indefinite postponement was, therefore, satisfactory to the committees and officers of the Association.

APPEALS—WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

The Workmen's Compensation Bureau sponsored, at the recent legislative session, a bill providing for review of compensation decisions. There are two lawyers on the Bureau, and the bill represented a compromise of their ideas on the subject. It was a fair bill designed to accomplish a definite purpose, speedily and with due regard to the rights of all concerned.

The bill, however, was amended in committee, at the instance of other lawyers. As so amended it was very much like House Bill 285 before the Legislature of Missouri. Because of that fact, we quote part of the joint statement of the employers and employees of Missouri concerning their measure: "Employers and employees joined hands to bring about the passage of the workmen's compensation law in Missouri to end forever the damage suit system which this bill would, to a great extent, restore. The lovely phrase 'de novo' is a happy inspiration. It will wreck the operation of the law to have

the courts hear new evidence and new facts. Certain lawyers will seek compensation cases as they formerly sought personal injury damage cases. The commissioners and referees, trained in this work, and hearing cases day after day, are better able to render fair decisions."

The amendments, as entered by the North Dakota House of Representatives, were, in large part, eliminated. We haven't seen the final draft, but believe that it will prove to be a fairly workable improvement on the present law.

TO A YOUNG LAWYER

Where'er you speak, remember every cause
 Stands not on eloquence, but most on laws.
 Be brief, be pointed; let your matter stand
 Lucid, in order, solid, and at hand;
 Spend not your words on trifles, but condense;
 Strike with a mass of thoughts, not drops of sense;
 Press to the close with vigor, once begun,
 And leave (how hard the task!), leave off, when done;
 Who draws a labored length of reasoning out,
 Puts straws in line for winds to whirl about;
 Who draws a tedious tale of learning o'er,
 Counts but the sands on ocean's boundless shore;
 Victory in law is gained, as battle fought;
 Not by the numbers, but the forces brought.
 What boots success in skirmish or in fray,
 If rout, or ruin, following, close the day?
 What worth a hundred posts, maintained with skill,
 If, these all held, the foe is victor still?
 He who would win his cause, with power must frame
 Points of support, and look with steady aim;
 Attack the weak, defend the strong with art,
 Strike but few blows, but strike them to the heart;
 All scattered fires but end in smoke and noise,—
 The scorn of men, the idle play of boys.
 Keep, then, this first great precept, ever near:
 Short be your speech, your matter strong and clear;
 Earnest your manner, warm and rich your style,
 Severe in taste, yet full of grace the while;
 So you may reach the loftiest heights of fame,
 And leave, when life is past, a deathless name.

—JOSEPH STORY.