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The development of the local district organizations of the North Dakota Bar has been pleasing to the Secretary, because it has been his dream for a number of years. Though his has been the dream, and possibly the original one, credit for the actual results achieved must go, at a rating of 99.9%, to two other members of the Association, F. T. Cuthbert of Devils Lake and President A. M. Kvello of Lisbon. Mr. Cuthbert did the pioneering, and President Kvello is making a general clean-up this year.

It is our hope, however, that the development, on a permanent basis, of these local organizations will not be considered the final step towards the attainment of a fully-functioning state bar association. It will be necessary, we believe, to tie these local organizations up to the state organization in such a way that each will have definite and worthwhile functions to perform, and, particularly, that the full weight of the opinion of the membership within any certain district may be given expression and properly registered in the final result achieved concerning any problem or matter that may come before the general association meetings.

This will mean some revision of our constitution or by-laws, very likely. It will mean consideration of some system of vote registration by districts, possibly a delegate system of action on major matters coming before the annual meetings, all of which will mean serious study before anything is done. We broach the subject at this time because the districts will all be organized by the time this gets into the mails, and the time to push is when the pushing is good.

Suggestions will, doubtless, be welcomed by Mr. G. F. Dullam, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.