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but demands compensation as of right; that the Bureau is a fact-finding body, and out of the findings of fact the existence or non-existence of the right to receive arises as a matter of law. The Editor, therefore, has believed that, even without a general right of appeal or review, if the facts, for example, definitely establish permanent disability of 50% of an arm, an allowance for only 25% could be corrected by appropriate court process.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

A special invitation has been sent out to members of Boards of Bar Examiners in every state to attend the annual meeting of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, August 19th, at two o'clock, before the meeting of the American Bar Association. The annual meeting of the American Bar Association is this year centrally located and at the same time includes an unusual feature in the visit of a large group of the leaders of the British and French bar as guests of the Association. A program for the Section meeting, devoting particular attention to matters of interest to bar examiners, has been arranged, and includes the following addresses: "Bar Examinations," Philip J. Wickser, Secretary, New York Board of Law Examiners; "Bar Examination Statistics," John E. Biby, Formerly Chairman, California, California Committee of Bar Examiners; "The Future of Bar Examinations," James Grafton Rogers, Dean, University of Colorado School of Law.

At various times in the past conferences of bar examiners have been held under the auspices of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, and considerable good has been accomplished by the interchange of ideas among members of these boards. One question which is arousing some discussion at the present time involves the creation of a national board of bar examiners, or of regional boards, to frame examinations which the several states would be at liberty to adopt. Under this plan, part of the examination, covering such subjects as statutory law, procedure, and local decisions, would still be left to the local boards. This and other questions of interest will be referred to and a full discussion will follow the formal addresses at the meeting.

A number of states have already signified their intention of having at least one member of their Board of Bar Examiners at the meeting, and it is expected that all the states will be represented.

COURT RULE MAKING

The following is a somewhat "unusual" comment on the part of the Press concerning the frequently discussed rule-making power of the courts. It appeared originally in the Chicago Tribune:

"There is a long, long trail a-winding toward a thoroughgoing reform of the American administration of justice. But there are in the foreground certain improvements in the mechanism of the law which a persistent and energetic effort of the legal profession should accomplish within a reasonably short period of time. The most important of these, we think and have said, is to put procedural rules in the keeping of the courts themselves. In this we take leave to differ emphatically with the decision of the Illinois advisory commission. Rule making by legislatures has proved complicated, rigid, and theoretical. In the hands of the courts it can be made more practical and efficient."