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## PAST PRESIDENTS

Our request for information concerning the past presidents brought a very satisfactory response from some of the older members of the Association. We appreciate especially the replies from C. L. Young, Bismarck, S. E. Ellsworth, Jamestown, and H. A. Libby, Grand Forks.

There is some difference, however, in the information obtained, hence, we again publish that portion of the list which was left open last month in order that further correction may be made. If there are no corrections, we shall assume the following to be the correct arrangement, and shall include it in the annual proceedings number in December:

1899-1900 Seth Newman, Fargo  
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 1901-1902 Seth Newman, Fargo  
 1902-1903 J. H. Bosard, Grand Forks  
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 1904-1905 H. A. Libby, Grand Forks  
 1905-1906 H. A. Libby, Grand Forks  
 1910-1911 A. A. Bruce, Grand Forks  
 1912-1913 A. G. Divet, Wahpeton  
 1913-1914 John Knauf, Jamestown.

The list of past presidents who are deceased includes, Seth Newman, J. H. Bosard, John Carmody, F. H. Register, R. M. Pollock, Theodore Koffel, and Horace Bagley.

## UNIFORM LAWS COMMITTEE

President Traynor announces the completion of the Committee on Uniform Laws, pursuant to advice from the American Bar Association. The Committee will consist of the following: H. A. Bronson, Chairman, Grand Forks; S. E. Ellsworth, Jamestown; C. L. Young, Bismarck; Ivan Metzger, Williston; A. L. Netcher, Fessenden.

## WHY DO WE DO IT?

It is said of our profession that the lawyer, as a rule, is naturally opposed to change. More than that, he is said to be proud of the fact that he desires, ordinarily, more than a fifty-fifty assurance that the change will make things better. Several times, during the progress of the recent annual meeting, we heard the statement, "It is too revolutionary." More frequently, at the 1930 as well as at other meetings, we have heard the procrastinating, "Why can't we leave this until next year? We haven't had time to consider all that is involved in this proposal."

The Editor admits that it is neither necessary nor proper to be hasty. It does seem, however, that we are altogether too slow in making up our minds, as an Association, on many matters that are of vital import, not only to the Association, but to the public. For example, it is our common complaint that we are charged, as an Association, with responsibility for the conduct or misconduct of our members, but that we have no effective voice concerning complaints against attorneys or concerning their protection against unjust charges. The matter of assuming, or rather obtaining, power to discipline and to protect members has been discussed for many years in this State. It has been considered by committee after committee. The last committee made definite recommendations prior to the annual meeting. Those recom-