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### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

For two successive years the State Bar Association has given its approval to a change in the requirements for admission to the Bar, the particular recommendations being in the following language:

"1. That after the year 1931, no person shall be admitted to the Bar in this State who, in addition to present requirements as to citizenship and good character, and a three-year course of study in a law office or accredited law school, is not twenty-one years of age, and has not had at least two full years of study in an accredited college, normal school or university, beyond the high school grades, which course of study shall include courses in English Literature, American and English History, Economics and Civil Government.

"2. That commencing with the year 1929, all students registering for study in any law office in this State shall submit to the State Bar Board satisfactory proof of citizenship, age and good moral character, and of pre-legal education, sufficient to show that the applicant has all the requirements for admission to the Bar upon the completion of his law course."

We refrain from argumentative support of the recommendation, but present the statement of the 1928 committee, of which Mr. A. L. Netcher was chairman: "In making the recommendations herein set forth, which principally have to do with the raising of the educational qualifications, the committee was not unmindful of the fact that the primal requisite of a lawyer who will be a credit to himself and the Bar as a whole, is one of personal qualifications, for it is largely due to a woeful lack of integrity and common horse sense that the Bar has most often been brought into disrepute. But we are of accord in believing that, with more stringent educational requirements, will come the requirement and enforcement of more stringent moral and personal qualifications."