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## ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

North Dakota is to have a New Digest. Mr. Cahill of Callaghan & Co. advised that this publishing house would proceed with the work, cooperating with, and working under the direction of a Bar Association committee, consisting of T. R. Bangs, F. T. Cuthbert, L. E. Birdzell and A. W. Cupler.

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The outstanding addresses of the session were presented by President Aubrey Lawrence and Judge F. F. Faville.

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The report of the Criminal Law Committee again was the basis for the most spirited discussion. This year, however, the arguments were well thought out and directed to the points involved. All of the committee's recommendations were adopted.

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The meeting approved the enactment of a statute that will give disciplinary powers to the State Bar Association and its appropriate committees.

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The report of the Public Utilities Committee was accepted without recommendation.

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Two touching incidents of the session were the talks relating to deceased members of the association made by Messrs. Braatlien and Tracy Bangs.

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Invitations were presented by Devils Lake and Valley City for the privilege of entertaining the 1929 meeting.

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The new officers elected were: John H. Lewis of Minot, President; Horace Bagley of Towner, Vice President, and R. E. Wenzel of Bismarck, Secretary-Treasurer.

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## KEEPING ABREAST

After law school or office study, commencement of practice; after commencement of practice, a measure of success; after success, what? Consult no less a lawyer than Rufus Choate. In 1843, at the age of 40, he was about at the height of his career. That year he wrote: "I have adopted the plan of taking a volume, the last volume of Massachusetts Reports, and making a full brief of an argument on every question in every case, examining all the authorities, finding others, and carefully composing an argument as well reasoned, as well expressed as if I were going to submit it to a Bench of the first of Jurists." We opine that it is largely work and perseverance that make genius.