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## Committee on Cooperation with Press

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body must undertake and assume the initiative and responsibility for its being done. There really seems to be a thought and suggestion, discovered in our efforts, that all of this work and effort is at least to be initiated and the responsibility therefor placed upon our unremunerated commissioners."

As a means of attaining the fullest measure of success the committee suggests the organization of a Section or subordinate organization within the Association, with well defined powers and functions, so as to avoid encroachments as well as to supply a medium for effective action.

It is pointed out that there are the following thirty-three acts which have not been placed upon the statute books of North Dakota:

Foreign Acknowledgment Act, Bills of Lading Act, Child Labor Act, Conditional Sales Act, Extradition of Persons of Unsound Mind Act, Federal Tax Lien Registration Act, Fire Arms Act, Foreign Depositions Act, Interparty Agreement Act, Land Registration Act, Marriage and Marriage License Act, Motor Vehicle Operators and Chauffeurs License Act, Occupational Diseases Act, Proof of Statutes Act, Sales Act, Amendment, Warehouse Receipt Act, Amendment, Wills Act, Foreign Executed, Wills Act, Foreign Probated, Arbitration Act, Chattel Mortgage Act, Cold Storage Act, Criminal Extradition Act, Fiduciaries Act, Flag Act, Fraudulent Conveyance Act, Joint Obligations Act, Limited Partnership Act, Marriage Evasion Act, Stock Transfer Act, Vital Statistics Act, Workmen's Compensation Act, Written Obligations Act.

The definite recommendations are summarized as follows:

1. Enactment of legislative authority for appointment of commissioners and means to at least cover expenses.
2. Authority for organization of a Section on Uniform Laws.
3. Examination of proposed acts by members interested in any of them and their recommendations to the committee with reference thereto."

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## COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION WITH PRESS

A. W. CUPLER, Chairman

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"The subject of cooperation between the Press and the Bar has received the attention of the newspapers of the country and the editorial comment has generally been favorable. The decision of Judge O'Brien of the Criminal Court of Baltimore, holding newspaper publishers of that city guilty of contempt of court in publishing photographs taken during the trial of Richard R. Whittemore, and holding Captain Burns, chief of detectives, guilty of contempt in giving to newspaper reporters, in advance of trial, evidence claimed to be possessed against persons charged with robbery, affirmed by the Court of Appeals of Maryland January 21, 1927, focused attention of the Press on the subject and caused editors as well as prosecutors to consider their duty to maintain the dignity of the courts and aid in meting out impartial justice.

"The concluding sentence of an editorial on the subject in the New York Times of January 22, 1927, typifies the publishers' comment: 'If a change for the better can begin with prosecutors, and if clear and

proper rules about publicity can be laid down by the courts, there can be no doubt that reputable newspapers will make every reasonable endeavor to comply with them.'

"Nationally the work of the Bar along this line is being carried on through a committee of the Conference of Bar Association delegates, a section of the American Bar Association, of which Mr. Andrew Sherriff, of the Chicago Bar, is chairman, and we refer you to an article written by him which appeared in the March issue of the Journal of the American Bar Association for a report of the activities of that committee.

"Your committee mailed to all judges in our State copies of the opinion of the Court of Appeals of Maryland and of the editorial in the New York Times from which we have quoted. We also appeared before a gathering of North Dakota Editors called by Mr. E. T. Cutter of Chicago, Superintendent of the Central Division of the Associated Press, and discussed the subject informally with them.

"We have noticed few news items or comments in the papers of our State during the year that incorrectly reported decisions of courts or gave out a wrong impression of our profession. The efficiency of the committee will be increased if members who observe news items or editorials containing incorrect information or reflecting upon the integrity of the profession or tending to interfere with impartial trials, will report same to the committee.

"As interest in the results sought by this committee increases, we hope that there may be a member of the committee in each county in the State, ready to confer with the publisher when questions of propriety of any publication arises and keen to observe any infractions of the ethics that should regulate the conduct of the lawyer, the judge and the newspaper publisher."

(N. B.—We invite your study of the report of the Sub-Committee on Causes, New York State Crime Commission, being the article entitled "Relation of Daily Press to Crime," published in the July number of the American Bar Association Journal.)

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### COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL AFFAIRS

FRED J. TRAYNOR, Chairman

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"The chairman is pleased to report that of the nineteen complaints submitted to his committee none have disclosed facts sufficient to warrant submission of a complaint thereon to the State Bar Board. Most of the complaints, when investigated, have proved to be of such trivial nature as not to even justify referring the same to other members of the committee. Most of the complaints have covered alleged failure of the attorney to account or render report upon small collection items. In so far as the actions of the attorneys complained against on these matters may be criticized at all, it is largely on the point of negligence or inattention to business, or lack of system in doing business."

Complaints regarding fees "resolved themselves into disputes between the attorney and the client as to just what the agreement was."

Two complaints charged improper handling of litigation. "These, however, proved to be complaints without good foundation."

"The most serious complaint submitted to your committee was one referred to it by the State Bar Board. The State Bar Board itself