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are set apart for motor trips for members of the association and their ladies as guests of the Colorado and Denver bar associations.

The program throughout is an unusually strong one. Excursion rates from North Dakot points are reasonable and Denver is so accessible by automobile that the bar of this state should be well represented. There is a distinct advantage in membership in the American Bar Association. The membership fee is only \$6.00, and in return members in addition to other advantages receive the American Bar Association Journal and a bound volume of the proceedings of the annual meeting. These are of great value to all who would keep in touch with the developments within the profession.

RE-STATEMENT OF THE LAW

At the recent meeting of the American Law Institute both President Wickersham and Director Lewis brought out the fact that teachers of law are beginning to make use of the tentative drafts in class room work, and that such use offers a valuable opportunity to familiarize the Bar of the future with the undertaking. Director Lewis further remarked that many law professors had obtained valuable suggestions from the doubts and questions of bright students, and there was no reason why the Institute might not find profitable suggestions through the same source. Due consideration is being given to the comment or criticism of all who take the trouble to present either in order that the work may become the work of the profession as a whole.

INCORPORATION OF THE BAR

Last month we poked fun at the arguments of the New York attorneys who opposed incorporation of the Bar. We still feel that the character of the opposition deserved the light treatment. The following from the American Bar Association Journal, however, is entitled to more serious and respectful consideration: "It is universally held by all the decisions that a lawyer is an officer of the court, that he owes to it a special allegiance and resulting duties of a well defined character, touching not only his demeanor in the court room, but the determination of his qualifications for admission to the bar, and his accountability to discipline for every act done in the exercise of the privileges and prerogatives bestowed upon him by the license to practice. It has been held that because of the fact that lawyers are officers of the court, the legislature invades the judicial province when it attempts to prescribe the qualifications which will entitle an applicant for admission to the bar to a license, and that such laws are therefore unconstitutional and void. (In re Day, 181 Ill. 73) Since, therefore, lawyers are officers of the courts and are a part of the judicial institution, why is it necessary to seek for any further grant of power from the legislative department? Has not the judicial department inherent power to deal with the question of the organization of all its officers, the creation of subdivisions, geographical and functional, and the assignment of special duties to spe-