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cial subdivisions or groups? It is already firmly in possession of the power to examine for admission and to disbar, and it usually exercises these powers with the aid of examining committees and grievance committees. Is there any essential part of the proposed plan to incorporate the bar which cannot be accomplished at once by the co-ordinated effort of judges and lawyers? Without attempting to discount the opinions of those who think the legislative integration method the best in their particular states, under the conditions there prevailing, we venture to suggest that in a large number of the states bar integration, as a means of dealing with problems of admission, discipline and the like, may be accomplished effectively through recourse to the judicial power."

Delegates from State and local Bar Associations gathered at Washington, D. C., in April at the call of the American Bar Association for the purpose of making a survey of the situation and discussing the questions involved. The only resolution offered and adopted reads: "The Conference recommends to the various state and local bar associations throughout the United States that compulsory, all-inclusive incorporation of the Bar is a matter that should primarily and properly be determined by each state in accordance with its own existing conditions and its own traditions."

SALARIES AND TERMS OF JUDGES

The matter of adjusting the salaries and terms of Judges of the Supreme and District Courts of North Dakota is assuming definite shape. The various committees which have had the matter in charge are now engaged in the preparation of the proper constitutional amendments to submit to the voters of the State.

The amendments will incorporate the following provisions: An increase of the terms of District Judges to six (6) years; an increase of the terms of the Supreme Court Judges to ten (10) years; a change in the salary provision so that the salary may not be decreased during the term.

This will leave the matter of salary to the Legislature, where it will be subject to change according to existing conditions with the foregoing reservation, and appears to be generally preferred over a definite stipulation of salary in the constitution.

It is hoped to have the petitions ready for signature circulation in a short time.

LOCAL BAR ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The work of the Committee on organization of local associations within the State Bar Association is evidently bearing fruit. Among the more active of such local organizations is that of Cass County, of which Mr. H. G. Nilles of Fargo is President.

Although an organization had been maintained there for a number of years, meetings were infrequent, interest was lagging, and attendance was limited. Since the 1925 annual meeting, however, to which mem-

bers of the Fargo Bar attribute much of the "new enthusiasm," the Cass County unit has been holding regular luncheon meetings at the Fargo Commercial Club.

These meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month. Programs are in charge of a special committee, which serves for a period of three or four months. The hour-and-a-half-limit of the Service Clubs is observed, and particular attention is given to the problems and general welfare of the younger practitioners. As a result, a spirit of camaraderie, of frankness and good-fellowship is being developed that augurs well for a finer fraternalism among the members of the legal profession of that county.

A speaker is presented at every meeting, and evidence of the constructive nature of the programs is contained in the announcement of some of the more recent speakers, viz: Hon. A. G. Divet, who spoke on the subject, "Reasons for the Law's Delays"; Hon. Andrew Miller, Judge of the U. S. District Court, who discussed, "Practice in U. S. Courts"; and Hon. Geo. F. Shafer, a summary of whose address on "Remedies for the Law's Delays" was published in last month's issue of Bar Briefs.

It is hoped that the foregoing will impress other communities with the importance and worth-whileness of trying out the experiment of establishing local units of the State Association, not neglecting of course, the important feature of keeping Bar Briefs informed as to the activities.

FRANK W. AMES

Frank W. Ames of Mayville, died of pneumonia on May 25th last. He was born at Wiscasset, Maine, on December 16th, 1851. He was graduated from Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, in 1876, and studied law in the office of H. C. Robinson of that city. He was admitted to the bar in Connecticut in 1879, and Dakota Territory in 1880. He first resided at Caledonia, in Traill County, and was clerk of the district court of that county from 1880 to 1885. He served as state's attorney of Traill County from 1889 to 1892, and as state senator from 1889 to 1903. He served as reporter of the supreme court of this state from 1904 to 1912, Volumes 12 to 21 inclusive of the North Dakota Reports having been issued during his term of office. After the county seat of Traill County was removed from Caledonia to Hillsboro, Mr. Ames moved to Mayville, where he continued to practice until his death. He was widely known and highly respected. A son and daughter survive him.

1926 ANNUAL MEETING
BISMARCK
SEPTEMBER 9TH AND 10TH