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Over four hundred applicants for admission to the bar appeared before the Florida board of law examiners at the recent meeting. Most of these were attorneys from other states.

The Yale University law school has adopted the policy of limiting the number of law students to be admitted to the school and will confine the training to students who are deemed superior by virtue of their records.

The Pennsylvania State bar association recently changed the place of its annual meeting from that first announced to one with more satisfactory golf facilities.

The lawyers' wives of Dallas, Texas, have formed the Dallas Lawyers' Wives' Club.

The American Bar Association at its Denver meeting elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Chas. S. Whitman; Secretary, William P. McCracken, Jr.; Treasurer, Frederick E. Wadhams.

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That is the conviction of Hon. Oscar Hallam, Chairman of the American Bar Association Criminal Law Section, as enunciated at the recent Denver meeting, and approval of the statement is being voiced by leading newspapers throughout the country. One of the Chicago dailies insists that the bench and bar of the country could, in a very short time, eliminate most of the evils that make the administration of justice "slow, uncertain, costly and ineffective."

Judge Hallam's recommendations were: 1. Elimination of straw bail; 2. Simplification of indictments and permitting amendments; 3. Eliminating unnecessary continuances; 4. Simplifying the drawing of juries and improving the personnel by limitation of number of challenges; 5. Placing greater power in the Courts; 6. Permitting comment on the failure of the accused to testify; 7. Insanity pleas to be made on arraignment and experts to be called by the Court; 8. Shortening the time of appeal, and requiring them to be heard promptly; 9. Providing increased punishment in gun crimes; 10. Judicial investigation and notice to trial judge and prosecutor before parole.

It ought to be quite apparent to every layman by this time that the various bar associations are giving considerable time and thought to the problem in a sane and serious attempt to improve, by reconstruction where necessary, the machinery of justice. Fortunately, we think, North Dakota's problems are not as serious nor as difficult of solution as those of the more congested centers. It is confidently expected that the 1926 annual meeting will make considerable progress along this line.