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The Bar Association referendum now in progress indicates quite clearly that North Dakota's experiment in bar incorporation is bringing about a more representative expression of opinion on all questions with which the Bar is required to or should deal as a unit.

The registrations at the 1925 and 1926 annual meetings of the Association gave evidence of a growing interest, each of these sessions being attended by nearly three times the number of practicing attorneys that usually attended the sessions prior to that time; and with the closing date for balloting on Bar Board recommendations still two weeks ahead the number of ballots received exceeds by nearly fifty per cent the number of votes previously cast by members of the Association in this manner.

This is certainly as it should be. The Bar, as an organization, had no right to expect recognition so long as its expressions represented the opinions of a small minority. No one anticipates that the annual meetings will ever draw a one hundred per cent attendance or that questions submitted on referendum will be decided by an equal vote, but this manifestly growing interest is bound to have a favorable reaction among members of the profession and the expressions of opinion that come as the result of this more general interest will be respected by the public.

It is believed that Bar Briefs has had a part, however small, in bringing about the changes already noted.