

ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

To the Member Schools:

This is more about the program we have planned for the next annual meeting in December. The subject recurs, partly for the reason that it is uppermost in our minds at the present time, though principally because the program planned is of a kind which may be successful only if there is widespread interest and participation. Accordingly this is written to bespeak a maximum of both.

The emphasis is to be placed this year upon round table meetings. Except for opening and closing general sessions, luncheon and dinner meetings, and the smoker, it will be all round tables. There will be seventeen of them, and surely something of interest to everyone in the list. The councils in Property, Labor Law, Family Law, Public Utilities, Equity, Taxation, Commercial Law, and Trade Regulation have selected vital and provocative problems or topics for round table discussion. In International Law, Legal History, and Jurisprudence, the selected topics should command definitely more than a specialist's interest and attention. About a third of the meetings will be concerned with such matters of general or special interest as the perennial conflict between law school and bar admission programs, the development and use of aptitude tests, the development of a program of graduate training in law suitable for students from foreign countries, the library problem in the smaller schools, and certain problems thought to be peculiar to part-time schools. The advance program now in preparation will identify the problems and topics more precisely.

There is also to be emphasis, we hope, upon genuine round table discussion. With the cooperation of those immediately responsible for the several meetings, we shall seek to recapture something of the round table tradition. It will not be easy, with our greatly increased membership, more intensive specializations, and the inertias which have accumulated for a contrary practice, but it should be worth the effort. In proportion as we succeed, the discussions will open with a minimum of formal presentation, calculated to project and to provoke, and will continue with a maximum of opportunity for general participation. In short, the round table meetings will become what such meetings purport to be and not a forum for the delivery of addresses or the reading of formal papers. There is a place for the address and the formal paper, but it is not at the round table. In addition to the requirements of careful planning and perhaps a little firmness in presiding, the venture's success will depend upon thoughtful and widespread participation. We trust that our colleagues will read the advance program with care, as soon as it is distributed, and that they will come prepared to contribute their thoughtful best to the round table discussions.

EDWIN D. DICKINSON,
President.

University of Pennsylvania.

THE ANNUAL MEETING, 1949

The dates of the annual meeting this year will be December 28, 29, and 30. The place will be the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. The tentative program is set out below.

Planning a program is a little bit like planning a curriculum for a law school. There will inevitably be a number of people who find that there are conflicts between the electives they particularly want. The program as here set forth is tentative. Comments from the membership are welcomed, and adjustments can be made.

The only limit to the number of round tables is found in the desires of the membership and the requirement that there must be a room available. If anyone, even at this date, wants to add a round table, it may well be that the round table can be arranged.

An invitation has been extended to an opening speaker who has not yet indicated his acceptance, and many of the round table programs are still in preparation.

In the past there has been the difficulty that much of the morning of the first day has been taken up by registration, thereby delaying proceedings considerably. This year registration will start at the lunch hour of the first day and will continue through the afternoon.

Groups who desire to give luncheon or dinner meetings are urged to get in touch with the Secretary so that reservation of space can be made. They are especially requested that, if at all possible, they communicate with the Secretary before October 10.

F. D. G. RIBBLE,
Secretary-Treasurer.

University of Virginia.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Wednesday, December 28, 1949

10:00 a.m. GENERAL SESSION

1. Address
2. Report of the Executive Committee
3. Address of the President
4. Reports of Committees (reports containing recommendations will be taken up first)

12:15 p.m. LUNCHEON

12:30 p.m. REGISTRATION (the registration desk will remain open until 6:00 p.m.)

2:30 p.m. ROUND TABLE MEETINGS

1. Problems of Schools and the Bar

Bernard C. Gavit, Indiana University, Chairman

"Conflicts between Law School and Bar Admission Programs"

2. Property

John Ritchie III, University of Virginia, Chairman

3. Labor Law

Bertram F. Willcox, Cornell University, Chairman

4. Family Law

Max Rheinstein, University of Chicago, Chairman

"The Need for Research and Reform in Family Law"

6:15 p.m. DINNER MEETINGS

8:00 p.m. ROUND TABLE MEETINGS

1. Problems of Smaller Schools

Samuel L. Prince, University of South Carolina, Chairman

"Law Libraries of the Smaller Schools, Their Function and Their Operation." Discussion led by Miles O. Price, Columbia University

2. Public Utilities

William R. Ming, Jr., University of Chicago, Chairman

3. Equity

John O. Honnold, University of Pennsylvania, Chairman

"The Place of Equity in the Curriculum"

4. International Law

Brunson MacChesney, Northwestern University, Chairman

5. Problems of Curriculum for Foreign Students

Paul A. Freund, Harvard University, Chairman

Thursday, December 29, 1949

9:30 a.m. ROUND TABLE MEETINGS

1. Administrative Problems

Willis L. M. Reese, Columbia University, Chairman

"The Development and Use of Law Aptitude Tests"

2. Library Problems

George Neff Stevens, Western Reserve University, Chairman

"What Sort of Library is 'A Library Adequate for the Curriculum and for Research?'" [AALS Const. Art. 6, Sec. 6-1 (5).] Discussion led by Russell N. Sullivan, University of Illinois; Benjamin F. Boyer, Temple University; and William O. Roalfe, Northwestern University

3. Taxation

Stanley S. Surrey, University of California, Berkeley, Chairman

4. Legal History

James Willard Hurst, University of Wisconsin, Chairman

12:15 p.m. LUNCHEON MEETINGS

For all 1950 Committees and Round Table Councils

2:30 p.m. ROUND TABLE MEETINGS

1. Problems of Part-time Schools
Henry B. Witham, Indiana University, *Chairman*
2. Commercial Law
Albert S. Abel, West Virginia University, *Chairman*
"The Integration of Commercial Law Teaching"
3. Trade Regulation
S. Chesterfield Oppenheim, George Washington University, *Chairman*
"The Legal and Economic Aspects of Divestiture as a Remedy under the Federal Anti-Trust Laws." A discussion
4. Jurisprudence
Sidney Post Simpson, New York University, *Chairman*

6:15 p.m. DINNER MEETINGS OF ALUMNI GROUPS

8:30 p.m. SMOKER

Friday, December 30, 1949

10:00 a.m. GENERAL SESSION

1. Reports of Committees (continued)
2. New Business
3. Report of Nominating Committee and Election of Officers