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THE WEST VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT'S PAGE

THIS issue of the West Virginia Law Review marks the beginning of something in the nature of a new era in the hitherto pleasant relationship that has existed between the College of Law of West Virginia University and The West Virginia Bar Association. For more than three-quarters of a century, these two venerable institutions, possessing as they do a pronounced affinity of origin and purpose, have been dedicated, each in the service of the legal profession, to the advancement of the science of jurisprudence in all of its many and varied aspects and ramifications.

It is the hope of the West Virginia Bar Association, and presently the avowed objective of its Executive Council, that the sincere and cordial, though at times perhaps somewhat tenuous, interest which the Association in the past has manifested in the affairs of the College of Law, may be transformed, by intelligent planning and careful implementation, into at least a potential source of real assistance and benefit to those charged with the responsibility of actively administering the affairs of that institution. In short, The West Virginia Bar Association proposes and intends, with the consent and cooperation of the Faculty of the College of Law, to make such contributions as its facilities and resources will permit to the continued maintenance, and improvement, of the high standards of legal education and training which have been attained by the College of Law.

During the past two academic years, the Association, acting through its Executive Council, has endeavored to assist the Faculty Editor in Charge of the Law Review in minimizing, if not eliminating in their entirety, some of the extremely troublesome problems which have presented serious, and at times at least temporarily insurmountable, obstacles to the prompt and efficient publication of the Law Review. Not the least of those problems stemmed directly from an acute inadequacy of funds. During the past few years costs have sky-rocketed, without any compensating increase in income, and additional and supplemental sources of revenue simply have not been available. Due in large measure to the increase in the dues of the members of the Association, which was approved at the Annual Meeting last year, the Law Review is now on what is confidently believed to be a sound financial basis, and it is both

gratifying and reassuring to note that this year will mark the publication by the Law Review, for the first time in several years, of its full annual quota of four issues. By contrast, only two issues were published last year.

Other perplexing problems involved in the publication of the Law Review presently are receiving the attention of the Faculty Editor in Charge and the Chairman of the Executive Council of the Association. The most disturbing of these is the interminable delay which of late years has attended the final publication of the issues of the Law Review, more often than not a matter of several months, following the delivery of the processed material to the printer. It is believed that this problem is rapidly nearing a solution. The immediate objective, of course, is the prompt and timely publication of each issue of the Law Review in order that it may be a medium of current interest and value to the members of the legal profession.

The Association acknowledges, with appreciation, its indebtedness to the Dean and members of the Faculty of the College of Law for the opportunity which has been afforded the Association, through this, the President's Page, to communicate with its members at regular intervals. Matters deemed of interest to the membership of the Association, including periodic reports on the activities of the Executive Council, will appear regularly in future issues of the Law Review.

JOHN D. PHILLIPS,
President.