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For example, compare law with engineering. It will at once be apparent that a man may be a good engineer and can construct a very excellent bridge or tunnel without any background or traditions of engineering whatever. A man cannot be a good lawyer, however, if he simply knows the theory of the law. He may be a successful business getter or money maker but from a social point of view unless he is inspired of the traditions and atmosphere of the law, he will be a distinct loss to society. In other words, he builds social values rather than architectural ones. And he can only acquire those values through social contact with people interested in them.

Our idea of the proper form of dormitory would be one housing 125 to 150 students, provided with a central clubroom for meetings which would afford an opportunity for members of the bar, members of the faculty of other schools to meet with the students socially. Our ideal should be a school not where the faculty is handing out information in easily digested tablets but one where faculty and students are working together for a common end, each assisting the thought and mental development of the other.

If the Bar of the State of West Virginia becomes interested in this idea, they can make it a reality just as they made the present law building a reality.

—T. W. A.

OFFICERS WEST VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION

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The West Virginia Bar Association is fortunate in the selection of Mr. Daniel James French Strother as President for the year 1928-29. He was born in Washington, Virginia, on June 29, 1872. He attended the University of Virginia but studied law in an office. He was admitted to the bar in 1893 and has been practicing in Welch, West Virginia, continuously since that time. He is a member of the law firm of Anderson, Strother, Hughes and Curd.

Mr. Strother was married to Miss Elizabeth Garnett Grant in 1902.

His interests are varied. Besides his law practice he is President of the First National Bank of Welch and the Citizens Bank of War, West Virginia.

WEST VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING AT FAIRMONT.—The forty-fourth annual meeting of the West Virginia Bar Association was held in Fairmont on October 4th and 5th. The meeting was remarkable for the largest attendance in the history of the association.

The meeting was also unusual because of the very lively interest shown in the various matters under discussion. So much interest was shown that it was difficult to find time for the prepared program in the two days during which the Bar met. The success of such a meeting and the interest of the members may be more accurately gauged by the open discussions on the floor than the number of prepared papers. These discussions were unusually timely and interesting. For example, the debate on the certain provision of the Caroway Bill which takes away from Federal judges their right to comment on evidence brought forth much intelligent and extemporaneous argument. The association finally registered its disapproval of the measure.

Progress was also made in the submission of the Revised Code to the Legislature. Much work has been done on this, both by the Code Committee and by the Executive Council who submitted recommendations for certain minor changes.

The revision of Chapter 125 in the Code dealing with Rules and Pleadings in Civil Actions was not entirely satisfactory.

It was thought, however, that not sufficient time and study could be given to this Chapter before the Legislature met and that any changes other than the changes of form might endanger the passage of the Code. A resolution was, therefore, passed requesting the faculty of the Law School to spend the summer of 1929 in study of the proposed revision of the Rules of Pleading