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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.
which revision should be submitted to the Bar Association for their consideration at the next annual meeting. This proposal was in line with the idea of the Law School that it could act as a clearing house for the legal ideas of the Bar Association and could do research upon matters of practical importance which could not be done by any other agency because of lack of time and opportunity. The Law School, therefore, gladly accepted the opportunity offered by this resolution as a part of their research program and it is contemplated that research work will be done by the Law Faculty on Rules of Pleading in West Virginia which may be submitted to the Bar Association at its next meeting. This resolution is sufficiently significant to be worthy of particular comment. It represents an attempt to make the Law School an active unit of the Bar Association. It will represent an attempt on the part of the State Bar Association to perform a similar task for West Virginia to that undertaken by the American Bar Association in its re-statement of law. The Law School may then take its place in the development of the legal system of West Virginia in the same way that national law schools have taken their place in the development of the re-statement of laws in co-operation with the American Bar Association.

—T. W. A.

West Virginia Bar Association Prize.—The State Bar Association has generously offered a prize of three hundred dollars to the student obtaining the highest grade in each class at the end of his second year in school. The class graduating in 1931 will be the first class which will have the opportunity to compete for this prize. It will be first awarded in the Fall of 1930. The faculty of the Law School wishes to express publicly their appreciation of this generous donation.

West Virginia Bar Association—Address of Retiring President.—Particular attention should be directed to the exceptional address of Mr. Ambler, the retiring president. It will not be published in the QUARTERLY only because it will be available to the members of the Bar Association in the published reports of the proceedings of the Bar.

In this address, ex-President Ambler expresses in a clear and convincing manner the opportunities which lie before the State Bar Association. It is not a document filled with vague generali-