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WEST VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION NOTES:
NEWS OF THE PROFESSION¹

THE YEAR BOOK—The Year Book of the Association for 1919 is now in press and will be distributed within the month of November. It will be mailed by the Secretary directly to the members of the Association and other subscribers. For the first time, the proceedings this year were reported by the stenotype, with very satisfactory results.

NECROLOGY.—Two well-known members of the West Virginia bar have died recently. They are Judge John B. Wilkinson of Logan and Thomas A. Bledsoe of Charleston.

Judge Wilkinson was born February 3, 1860, was admitted to the bar in 1882, was Prosecuting Attorney for Logan County from 1885 to 1897 and from 1901 to 1905. He was Circuit Judge from 1905 to 1917 and was Democratic nominee for Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals in 1916. He died August 12, 1919.

Mr. Bledsoe was born in 1882. He was educated at Washington and Lee University, graduating from both the Collegiate and the Law departments. He was admitted to the bar in 1905 and was successively a member of several law firms, the last of which was Bledsoe, Horan and Pettigrew of Charleston. He was the Democratic nominee for Attorney General in 1912, and died September 12, 1919.

COMMISSIONERS ON UNIFORM LAWS.—Fleming N. Alderson of Richwood, J. W. Vandervort of Parkersburg, and H. C. Jones of Morgantown were appointed by Governor Cornwell Commissioners on Uniform Laws from West Virginia. Two of the commissioners were in attendance at the National Conference held in Boston August 27 to September 2.

OFFICERS OF AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION FOR WEST VIRGINIA.—At the annual meeting of the American Bar Association held in Boston September 3-5, 1919, James W. Vandervort of Parkersburg

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was re-elected to the General Council, George S. Wallace of Huntington was elected Vice-President, and M. H. Willis of New Martinsville, Douglas W. Brown of Huntington, William W. Hughes of Welch, and George E. Price of Charleston were elected members of the Local Council for West Virginia.

Herbert Fitzpatrick of Huntington and Charles McCamie of Wheeling represented the State Bar Association of West Virginia and William C. Caldwell of Wheeling and H. Campbell Richards of Wheeling represented the Ohio County Bar Association at the Special Conference of State and Local Bar Associations held on September 2nd.

About twenty members of the West Virginia bar were present at the sessions of the American Bar Association.

**Bar Examination.**—Eighteen candidates took the examination for admission to the bar, held at Charleston and Morgantown simultaneously on September 10-11, 1919. Eleven were examined at Charleston and seven at Morgantown. Certificates of having passed the examination were issued to the following: Peyton G. Jefferson, Fred S. Loar and S. S. McNeer of Cabell County; Robert C. Wilkin of Hancock County; Blaine Hamrick of Harrison County; J. Raymond Gordon of Jackson County; Charles G. Peters, Leslie E. Given and Patrick D. Koontz of Kanawha County; H. Merian Allen of Mineral County; Don Cunningham of Randolph County; Howard D. Matthews of Wood County, and Henry L. Ducker of Christian County, Kentucky.

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