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Annual Address By Secretary Baker

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slowly the general principles of the law change, even in a field wherein progress, goaded on by an insistent public sentiment, is striking at technicality; and second, the precision and general excellence of the first edition of the work under consideration. The first edition left little to be desired in a book of its intended scope as a summary of the law. The second edition, as an original effort and outside of the well-performed task of merely bringing the publication down to date, is still better.

—L.C.

WEST VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION NOTES:
NEWS OF THE PROFESSION*

ANNUAL ADDRESS BY SECRETARY BAKER.—At the meeting of the Executive Council held in Charleston February 5, 1918, an invitation was extended to Hon. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, to deliver the annual address at the annual meeting to be held at Elkins, Randolph County, July 16 and 17, 1918. Secretary Baker accepted the invitation before his departure for France.

Secretary Baker is a native of this State, having been born at Martinsburg, Berkeley County, December 3, 1871. He graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 1892 and from Washington and Lee University Law School in 1894. He was private secretary to Postmaster General Wilson from 1896 to 1897, and in the latter year entered the practice of law at Martinsburg. In 1902 Mr. Baker was appointed assistant city solicitor of Cleveland, Ohio, and a year later, director of law. He served as city solicitor of Cleveland from 1903 to 1912, and was mayor for the terms 1912-14 and 1914-16. Mr. Baker was appointed Secretary of War to succeed Secretary Garrison and took the oath of office March 9, 1916.

The visit of this former West Virginian to his native state for the purpose of delivering a message to the members of his profession in these times of stress will doubtless afford mutual interest, pleasure and profit. It is predicted that the attendance at the Elkins meeting will be the largest at any annual meeting in many years.

DATE OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.—Tuesday and Wednesday, July 16 and 17, 1918, have been selected as the dates for the

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