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WE DIDN'T MEAN UNCONSCIOUS HUMOR, MR. EDITOR

After the appearance of the issue of *DICTA* for November last this Department, unhappy at what it considered undeserved treatment, wrote to the Editor-in-Chief complaining of certain editorial practices. Among other things we insisted that this Department have exclusive right to publish humorous material.

In the December issue the Editor omitted the reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court!

LIFE ON A RETAINER

Milton D. Green, Esq., nemesis of unlicensed practitioners, reports to the Editor-in-Chief that, "My Dear Roy: One of our clients has a regular printed form upon which they report all accidents to us, filling out the printed form as accurately as possible. We are in receipt of an accident report from this client which states:

"Owner: John Doe.

"Kind of Property and Extent of Damage: Dog killed.

"Estimated cost of repairs: \$3.00.

"I might add that we will vigorously contest the claim on the ground of the dog's contributory negligence."

And we might add that all the accidents that come to our office are brought in by our runners.

A VERY BRAIN-TRUSTY SET OF RULES

The December, 1934, *Extension News*, that thrilling publication of the University of Colorado, gives notice of Extension Classes. Says the *News*:

Who May Enroll?

"Any adult who thinks that he can profit by a course.

"A student who has been refused readmission to the University is not eligible for extension classes."

Which leaves us in this dilemma: Is a student who has been kicked out of the University unable to think, or don't the authorities care what he thinks?

THE TAXPAYERS' LAMENT

Added light from *Extension News* aforesaid is that if you think you can be informed upon these, *inter alia*, matters without stirring from home:

Labor's Needs—Can the Church Fill Them; Aviation; Creative Writing; Verse Writing; English Language; Partial Differential Equations with Boundary Conditions; Advanced Reinforced Concrete Design; Theory of Indeterminate Structures*; Psychology; Romance Languages; Grade School Music, etc., etc.

At the bottom of one page we find that "We give 350 courses by Correspondence," while on the reverse of that page is an exciting department labeled "Campus Notes."

LAUGH OFF THIS COME-BACK

In a recent issue a w. k. legal ad weekly complained because Judge Samuel W. Johnson, in a DICTA article, had killed off the editor-in-chief of said weekly. After reading the issue of said weekly for December 29 we are sorry the judge, or somebody, hasn't killed off the editor.

Yes, and furthermore. Said weekly in its December 22 number made a holler about DICTA appearing late, and repeated hearsay blaming the delay on Dictaphun. Said number of December 22 reached its recipients on December 27!

*Refers to the Republican party. Should have been listed under Political Science, or lack of it.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

Office of the President

SCOTT M. LOFTIN

1140 North Dearborn Street

Chicago, Illinois

November 20, 1934.

To the Lawyers of America:

I invite your attention to the work and program of the American Bar Association with a view of securing your cooperation and assistance in what we are trying to do.

The American Bar Association is composed of some 27,000 lawyers of America who are united in an effort to advance the general welfare of the profession, to promote the standing of the bar with the people, and to improve the character of its public service. At the present time the Association is engaged in promoting the National Bar Program which, to my mind, is one of the most important activities the Association has ever undertaken. This program has five objectives, as follows:

1. Enforcement of Criminal Law.
2. Raising the Standards of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar.
3. Selection of Judges and Bar Activities in connection therewith.
4. Elimination of the Unauthorized Practice of the Law.
5. Enforcement of Professional Ethics.

I am stressing this program wherever I go and urging the other officers of the Association to do likewise. We are endeavoring to coordinate the work of the state and local bar associations with that of our Association. To effectively carry out our program it is essential that we have the cooperation of as many members of the profession as possible.

I appeal to the members of the bar who are not already members of the American Bar Association to affiliate with our Association. The dues are \$4.00 per year for those who have not yet passed the fifth anniversary of their original admission to practice law and \$8.00 for others. All members receive the *American Bar Association Journal*, with which you are doubtless familiar, and which alone is well worth the annual dues.

Applications for membership may be secured from the central office of the Association at 1140 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, or from G. Dexter Blount, member of the General Council for Colorado, 404 Equitable Building, Denver, Colorado.

Trusting that you will join us in this great work, I am

Faithfully yours,

SCOTT M. LOFTIN.