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THIRTY-ONE NEW LAWYERS

Announcement has been made that 31 candidates for the Bar examinations held in June, successfully passed the examinations. For the benefit of these neophytes the following quotation by Benjamin H. Brewster is pertinent:

"The lawyer starts life by giving \$500.00 worth of law for \$5.00 and ends by giving \$5.00 worth of law for \$500.00."

The Dicta wishes these candidates well and welcomes them into its ranks.

LAWYERS INCREASING

Will Shafroth of the Denver Bar, in his report on "Bar Examiners and Examinees", in the June issue of the American Bar Association, estimates that there is one lawyer to every 837 of population or one lawyer to every 167 families, and that this number is increasing. Some of the lawyers will be absorbed in the legal field, the remainder will seek other endeavors.

RAISING BAR STANDARDS

Harrie M. Humphreys, retiring President of the Colorado Bar Association, in his address before that body at its annual meeting on September 25, 1931, at Colorado Springs, furnishes figures to indicate that 9,293 new lawyers were admitted to the various bars in the United States, while only 4,500 were needed to keep up the normal numerical strength. As the remedy he urges raising the standards. He deplors the passing of the office law student who acquired knowledge by actual practice, and gained a first hand knowledge of legal ethics by such actual experience in the law office of a practitioner.

DELAY IN BAR EXAMINATION RESULTS

The total number of candidates for the Bar examination in June was 56. The 25 who were unsuccessful is in line with other states and also the same average approximately as in previous years. Attention of Dicta has been called to the fact that the candidates for the examinations must wait ap-

proximately three months before they discover their fate. During this period no definite plans can be made and in many instances results in a forced idleness of the majority of candidates. The Dicta appreciates that the summer vacation intervenes and the examiners are busy men. However, in justice to the candidates it recommends that some plan be devised to make known more speedily the results of the Bar examinations.

OLD AGE PENSIONS FOR LAWYERS

In this issue will be found the resolution of the Colorado Bar Association relating to "Old Age Pension for Lawyers". Dicta suggests serious consideration of this resolution, and urges its readers to send any comment upon it to the Dicta in order that the attitude of the Denver Bar upon "Old Age Pensions" may be determined.

DICTA DISSERTATIONS

Political and professional fame cannot be lost forever, but a conscience void of offense before God and man is an inheritance for eternity.

—*Daniel Webster*

Truth is a torch; the more you shake it the brighter it burns.

—*Roscoe Conkling*

The best way to get a bad law repealed is to enforce it strictly.

—*Abraham Lincoln*

Law is whatever is boldly asserted and plausibly maintained.

—*Aaron Burr*

Law is nothing unless close behind it stands a warm, living public opinion. Let that die or grow indifferent, and statutes are waste paper, lacking all executive force.—*Wendell Phillips*

First, I charge a retainer; then I charge a reminder; next I charge a refresher; and then I charge a finisher.—*Judah P. Benjamin*

Knowledge of the law is like a deep well, out of which each man draweth according to the strength of his understanding.—*Sir Edward Colse*