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sincerely grateful not only to the public authorities but to the public at large for their whole-hearted cooperation in an enterprise the importance of which, to both city and state, can scarcely be exaggerated.

The American Bar Association was revealed as a great altruistic organization constantly and strenuously engaged in public service, coordinating the various agencies for the administration of justice, improving and expediting procedure, maintaining the fine traditions and standards of the profession, and seeking by every possible means to promote the welfare of the nation. In its ranks are found the leading minds and the dominant personalities of American public life and many of these it was our privilege to see and personally meet at this meeting.

Whether it be the influence of the profession upon its members or the original quality of the men who are attracted by it, it is hard to say, but even a casual observer at such an annual meeting cannot fail to be impressed with the fact that the rank and file no less than the leaders of the Bar are gentlemen, and herein, per-

haps, lies one of the secrets of the pleasure that is to be found in taking part in an American Bar Annual Meeting. There was an atmosphere of friendliness, fraternity, cordiality, and courtesy about this meeting which it would be difficult if not impossible to find in any other group gathered together for any other purpose.

Not a mercenary note was struck throughout the entire proceedings, not a selfish purpose expressed. It was an intellectual treat from beginning to end, with the subtle and delicate humour of the final banquet as a sort of dessert—an unforgettable mental and spiritual feast that will afford lasting inspiration to every participant.

It is the fond hope of Denver and Colorado that these delightful guests of ours will not only return to us often in the coming years, as individuals, but that they will again make Denver their annual meeting place at a not far-distant date.

The latch-string will always be out for them and the same warm Western hospitality will ever await them here—out where the West begins.

J. C. S.

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to
American Bar Association

The formal address of welcome prepared by our committee was published in the July number of the Record. Two short addresses of welcome on behalf of this Association were delivered by President Butler. They follow:

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

To the Commissioners on Uniform
State Laws, July 6th

Mr. President, and Members of the Conference:

When your conference was first held the State of Colorado was but 16 years old—a mere stripling. They have grown up together. Both have had their struggles, their periods of success, their periods of discouragement. But through it all they have pushed steadily forward, accomplishing much

of which they are proud—and justly so.

It is a disappointment to those of us who understand and appreciate your splendid work and who have the good of the state at heart that Colorado has lagged far behind most of the other states in adopting the measures recommended by you. When we consider the proud record of Wisconsin, with 23 of your acts to her credit, we find little consolation in the fact that there are 14 other states whose records are worse than ours.

We are not like the Methodist preacher, of whom this story is told. He was telling his woes to the visiting bishop. His congregation, he said, had fallen off, and with it the church receipts; the building was sadly in need of repair; the mortgagee was

threatening to foreclose. "But, thank God!"—here he brightened up to the verge of cheerfulness—"thank God! the Baptists across the street are having a harder time."

I repeat, we are not cheerful because those 14 states are worse off than we are. We are dissatisfied and will refuse to be comforted until Colorado takes her rightful place in the front rank. Your presence here at this time will inspire us with the resolve, and stimulate us to renewed effort, to further the objects of this conference, and thereby promote the interests of the state, by persuading the legislators at the coming session to incorporate more of your excellent measures into the laws of the commonwealth.

We are proud to have you as our guests. We want to become better acquainted, not only with your important work, but with each and every one of you personally. We want you to see our mountains, our mines, our farms, our cities. We hope that you will enjoy such entertainment as we have provided for you, and that when you return to your homes you will take with you, as we will retain with us, pleasant memories of your visit.

Colorado, the Centennial State, and Denver, the City Beautiful, join in extending you, one and all, a cordial welcome.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

To The American Bar Association,
July 14th

Mr. President, and Members of the American Bar Association:

Mr. Rogers will welcome you on behalf of the Colorado Bar. The honor of greeting you on behalf of the Denver Bar has been conferred upon me.

The news, telegraphed last winter, that Denver had been selected for your meeting place this year was received by us with genuine pleasure and rejoicing. During her 50 years of statehood Denver has entertained many notable guests, but none has she received more gladly, none more proudly, than the American Bar Association. And Denver, the capitol city, feels deeply the honor of having within her gates so distinguished a body. May your stay be filled with profit and pleasure.

In the mountains over yonder are

great crevices, in which are deposited the precious metals. But there, also, are iron pyrites, mica and other substances that shine and glitter and make a fine display; and sometimes these are mistaken for pure gold. Is not something akin to this found in the profession of the law? Are not some of us occasionally misled by glittering, but false, doctrines so arrayed as to resemble truth and justice? May we, in our deliberations, be given wisdom to select the true and reject the false, to the end that the former may be crystalized into law and the latter cast into the limbo of forgotten things.

We Coloradoans love the mountains. It is inspiring to climb to the summit of some snow-crowned monarch of the range and enjoy the superb view—peak after peak as far as the eye can see; great plains stretching far to the east; beautiful lakes, with water as clear as crystal; fertile parks and valleys; deep canyons; rushing streams. When we behold these wonders we pity those who are so intent upon discovering some trifling inequality in the surface of the plains that they fail to see the towering peaks beyond. So, in our profession, there are those who are so absorbed in dotting each and every i and in crossing each and every t, and in preparing and delivering tedious arguments attacking some minute, unimportant defect in their adversary's pleading that the great outstanding principles of law and justice are wholly beyond their ken. Such persons would have their vision broadened if they would join the American Bar Association. At this meeting of the American Bar Association we expect to lay aside trivial things and, hand in hand with you, ascend the rugged slopes of the law, and from the summit view the vast field of jurisprudence.

We hope that you will not leave without seeing more of our state. We are proud of it. Here, Nature, not content with filling the parks and valleys with "the kindly fruits of the earth," has bestowed her treasures of gold and silver with so lavish a hand that she had to pile up mountains to hold them all.

Welcome to Colorado, the Centennial State. Welcome, thrice welcome, to Denver, the Queen City of the Plains, the present capital of this fair State, the future capital of the Nation.