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At this time of the year when newly admitted members of the Bar are casting about for the proper location in which to embark upon the practice of their profession, a few words of advice from an older member of the Bar would seem to be in order. The following quotations are taken from "Letters to a Young Lawyer," by Arthur M. Harris, who wrote these letters to his son during the course of his studies at the law school. By reading between the lines, it may be seen that these letters were written by one who had a keen perception of the higher and better traditions upon which the practice of our profession is found. In part, he wrote as follows:

"Lawmaking in this Republic seems to have gravitated into the hands of the law expositors; consequently every young Blackstone thinks he will have the Presidential chair under his wing if he can but get admitted to the Bar. He is doomed to have an interesting time finding out what the relation of law and politics is. He frequently winds up as a member of some Good Government League at two dollars per annum and a semi-annual lunch. That is all right. Every citizen should help the cause of good government. But what a curious fact it is that the total membership of such bodies is almost entirely composed of young lawyers! Why this feverish thirst for reform that burns unquenchably in the young lawyer's bosom? Truly, a visitor from Mars would think the followers of the legal profession were the only patriots in the country; but the wise old practitioner allows the upper lid of his left eye to drop slyly and coyly down upon the under lid. He knows;

for, like the measles, he has had it, too. Those members of reform bodies who are not lawyers are young doctors, so, if there is any credit due for super-patriotism, we must include our learned brothers of the scalpel and lancet."

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"Out of your class of fifty chaps, you will probably not have one born lawyer. You will have several men like yourself—raised as it were in the law atmosphere and with a good bias towards the law, and all of such men will be successful lawyers. But that peculiar genius for the law, the clear, penetrating insight into underlying principles, the readiness and ability to expound what the clear mind sees—that nature is found but seldom; and when it does exist, it usually makes the man more of a law student than a practitioner. This was the rare and infrequent type to which Blackstone belonged. I often think with great interest of the young Blackstone hard at work in his chambers in Temple Court, while upstairs lovable Goldsmith and his boon companions could be heard with wit and laughter passing the evening—and the flowing bowl. Goldsmith upstairs and Blackstone downstairs; neither probably having much to say to the other, but both, in their own ways, perpetuating their names and forever adorning the noble field of English letters."

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"Frankly, I would not exchange my particular lot in this life with any man. I have my own well-ordered office and my own well-ordered business. Such an office to me is a haven of rest; not the rest of slothfulness, but the quiet peace of the regular day with its regular duties. There is a charm more subtle than I can

express to you even in the inanimate furnishings of the office; in the neat rows of well-selected law books, with the uniform buff and red bindings on the outside of them and a measure of truth on the inside; in the well-worn desk at which your grandfather fifty years ago wrote his memorable speech in defense of Plinlimmon, unjustly accused of the murder of Mrs. Simmons; in the chairs polished with the arms of generations of clients as they recounted a hundred stories of wrong and injustice; even in the carpet, long faded into a gray and tasselled dotage, trodden by men who have achieved undying fame in a score of different lines of effort.

"In my position a man becomes in course of time a little court of justice in himself. Many and many a dispute have I settled without the trouble or expense of going to court. Most of the old settlers, as you know, refer their disputes to me, and my opinion is accepted by them as unquestioningly as if it were a mandate of the Supreme Court of the United States. This is well, and as it should be. The true lawyer is a pacifier, not a provoker. His efforts are more than commercial, higher and nobler than merely mercenary. On his integrity and good sense depend the well-being, not only of individuals in their petty differences, but also of the community as a whole, which prospers when time is saved by a peaceable settlement of disputes, and money goes into the land, instead of into the county treasury for costs, or into the pockets of ravenous lawyers for fees."

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"If you are in love, get married as soon as you can get enough to pay for the license. Don't try to carry on a strenuous love affair and build up a law practice at the same time. It would kill Hercules."

#### RECORD EDITORS ILL

Joseph E. Cook and Joseph C. Samson, who are the active members of the Editorial Committee and who edit this publication, are both confined in the hospital, having been sent there shortly before the time for the preparation of this issue. For this reason this issue of the Record has been hastily assembled by the Secretary.

#### AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the American Bar Association was held at Detroit, Michigan, on September 3 last past. Among those attending from this city are the following: Mary Lathrop, Elmer L. Brock, Wilbur F. Denious, Stanley T. Wallbank, Arthur Ponsford, and several others.

Mr. Brock is a member of the Committee on Uniform State Laws, under appointment by Governor Clarence J. Morley.

#### DO YOU NEED HELP?

The annual influx of newly admitted lawyers is now commencing and the Secretary has on file the applications of a number of lawyers who desire a location in this city. He also has the applications of a number of law students who desire to work in a law office while pursuing their studies.

If you need help, do not fail to make use of this service, as all communications are treated as confidential.

#### SIXTY-FIVE NEW LAWYERS

At a ceremony to be held at 11 o'clock a. m. on September 14, 1925, in the Courtroom of the Supreme Court at the State Capitol Building, two women and sixty-three men, who have successfully passed the regular Bar examinations, will take the oath and be admitted to the Bar of this State.

After the ceremony, the newly admitted lawyers and Chief Justice Allen and Justices Burke, Dennison, Whitford, Campbell, Sheafor and Adams will be the guests of our Association at the meeting following.

#### CHICAGO BAR NOTES

(From Chicago Bar Record)

The following resolution was presented and upon a vote was defeated:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the members of The Chicago Bar Association in annual meeting assembled, that two complete candidate tickets should be nominated hereafter, to be voted upon at annual elections.

## The Mountain Voice Is Calling

I am settin' here in Denver  
And I'm lookin' at the hills,  
And the lazy, hazy glimmer  
Fills my heart with longin' thrills;  
For the Mount'in Voice is callin'  
Shuttin' out all other sound,  
And it tells me trout's a bitin'  
And egzactly where they're found.  
Then I smell the camp fire burnin'  
Sweetest perfume man can know,  
So I'll say good-bye to bizness  
For I sure—must—go.

As I wander up the trail  
What a welcome comes to me,  
The Quakin' Aspen clap their hands  
The crick jest sings with glee.  
The Mount'in Voice is whisperin'  
Thru the Angel painted flowers,  
That are noddin' and a smilin'  
Round this cozy Nook of ours.  
Every step the pack grows lighter,  
Bizness strife is plum forgot;  
And life could be no brighter  
When I burn the old pine knot.

Now the sun-kissed peaks of snow  
With the purple clouds above,  
Bathes the Nook in shadowy glow  
Where the Grouse and Mother Dove  
'R' callin' home their trustin' brood  
To the shelter of the wood.  
Thru the croonin' brook and breeze  
Mount'in Voice sings lullaby;  
Mother Nature sure is good,  
There ain't no richer man than I,  
I'm at peace with all the earth,  
And—the knot glows on the hearth.

—C. A. Swift.

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## Next Regular Meeting

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1925**

The next regular meeting of The Denver Bar Association will take place Monday, October 5, 1925, at 12:15 p. m., at the Chamber of Commerce Building.

The Hon. Nathaniel T. Guernsey, Vice-President and General Counsel of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company will deliver an address of great interest to every member of this Association.

Six applicants for admission to this Association, whose names are given elsewhere in this issue, will be voted on at this meeting.

*October 5 is the date---Be there!*