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THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING

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THE forty-sixth annual meeting of the American Bar Association to be held at Minneapolis on the 29th day of August promises to be one not only of interest, but of great importance to the Association and to the profession at large. Year by year, the Association has grown in membership and influence, and more and more it is coming to speak as the authentic voice of the American bar. There has followed naturally an extension of its activities and an assumption of increased duties and responsibilities. This in turn has had a natural reaction upon the feeling of the profession at large toward the Association, and has brought to it a steadily growing support and interest. It may be accepted now as an established factor in the life of the American bar and it is certain to draw into its membership as the years go by an emphatic majority of the profession throughout the land.

There are indications already that the attendance at Minneapolis will equal and possibly surpass that at San Francisco in 1922, which was the largest annual meeting in the history of the Association. Formal addresses are to be delivered by Mr. Justice Pierce Butler, Secretary of State Charles E. Hughes, and the Earl of Birkenhead, formerly Attorney General and later Lord Chancellor of Great Britain, the mere mention of whose names is sufficient of itself to give distinction to any program. In addition, the Canadian Bar Association will be represented by the Honorable Newton W. Rowell, K. C. of Toronto, one of the most distinguished figures at the Canadian Bar, long a mem-

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ber of Parliament and cabinet officer of the Dominion and its delegate to the first assembly of the League of Nations. Monsieur Jean Appleton, President of the Bar Association of France, has also promised to be present if his health will permit.

The sessions of the Association will be preceded, as usual, by meetings of the various sections of the Association, the Commission on Uniform State Laws, the Conference of Bar Association Delegates, and also by a meeting of the Council of the newly-formed American Law Institute. The Commission on Uniform State Laws convenes on the 22nd in order to give an entire week to its labors; the Conference of Bar Association Delegates on the 28th, and the Council of the American Law Institute on the same day. In arranging the program for the meetings of the Association, the committee in charge has endeavored to allow as much time as possible for the discussion of the reports of the various special and standing committees. There is, of course, a limit to the amount of debate which can be indulged in a three day session, and it is often impossible to give to the recommendations of the committees the deliberate consideration which they deserve. It would be premature at this time to foreshadow the reports which will be before the meeting, but that they will present matters of the highest consequence to the profession and to the country is quite certain.

The members of the Association are looking forward with eager anticipation to meeting with their colleagues and brethren of the bar of the state of Minnesota, which has furnished so many names that ornament the rolls of the profession. For myself, I believe it impossible to exaggerate the importance of such gatherings or of the bar associations themselves. The methods by which American lawyers are produced tend to scatter rather than unite the profession, and it is only through these voluntary associations that cohesion and solidarity can be attained. It is only through them that the American lawyer can become master in his own house and assemble his united strength for the highest service to his country and his fellow men.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Wednesday morning, August 29, at 10 o'clock.

President John W. Davis of New York will preside.

Address of Welcome by the Governor of Minnesota.

Announcements.

Report of Secretary.

Report of Treasurer.

Report of Executive Committee.

Nomination and election of members.

Address by the President of the Association.

Meeting of State delegations for nomination of General Council and Vice President and Local Council for each State.

Wednesday afternoon, August 29, at 2:30 o'clock.

This will be a joint session of the American Bar Association and the Minnesota Bar Association.

William A. Lancaster, President of the Minnesota State Bar Association, will preside.

Address by Hon. Pierce Butler, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Wednesday evening, August 29, at 8:00 o'clock.

Address by The Right Honorable the Earl of Birkenhead.

Election of General Council.

9:45 P. M. President's Reception.

Thursday morning, August 30, at 9:00 o'clock.

Reports of Sections and Committees (Schedule to be later announced.)

Thursday afternoon, August 30, at 2:00 o'clock.

Special Committee Reports as follows:

Judicial Ethics, Chief Justice Taft, Chairman.

Law Enforcement, Charles S. Whitman, Chairman.

Americanization, R. E. L. Saner, Chairman.

Thursday evening, August 30, at 8:00 o'clock.

Address by Hon. Charles Evans Hughes, Secretary of State.

Friday morning, August 31, at 10 o'clock.

Reports of Sections and Committees (continued). (Schedule to be later announced.)

Miscellaneous Business.

Election of Officers.

Statement from Council of American Law Institute by William Draper Lewis, secretary.

Friday evening, August 31, at 7:00 o'clock.

Annual Dinner of Association.

Dinner to Ladies.

Saturday, September 1.

Excursion (to be later announced).