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from other states attended the first annual conference. It is proposed to make this an annual conference. The conference this year will be more elaborate than that of last year. More than a dozen lectures will be given in all.

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## BAR ASSOCIATION NOTES

The present year promises to stand out as one of the most active and productive in the twenty-five year existence of the Dade County Bar Association. When President William A. Lane took office on July 25, 1946, he compiled an ambitious agenda for the Association. The return of numerous members from military service, together with a general awakening of interest in bar association activities have combined to make possible the carrying out of this expanded program.

The membership of the Association has steadily increased and now numbers 452. Treasurer William P. Simmons, Jr. reports a sound financial condition—all obligations paid and in excess of \$1,000.00 in the treasury.

A perusal of this initial issue of the *MIAMI LAW QUARTERLY* should suffice to demonstrate the initiative and hard work of the Bar Journal Committee headed by Chairman J. M. Flowers and Vice-Chairman Paul L. E. Helliwell. The work of this committee has been particularly outstanding.

The Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law under Chairman W. F. Parker has been very active and is taking concrete steps in the suppression of unauthorized practice. On its recommendation, the Association voted to assess each member ten dollars to produce a special fund for the work of the committee. And upon its further recommendation, the Board of Directors has authorized employment of special counsel at a monthly retainer to proceed under direction of the committee. The committee urges your assistance to the end that data respecting specific violations may be brought to its attention for appropriate action.

The Legal Aid Committee has long been a source of great pride to the Association because of its valuable service to the community. Through the financial assistance of the Community Chest, a Legal Aid Office is maintained at 910 Postal Building, Miami, Florida, where Ernest Katz, as full-time attorney, provides legal services for indigent persons numbering more than one hundred per month. The Committee, under Chairman Max Silver, supervises the work of the Legal Aid Attorney.

The Florida Constitutional Convention Committee, under Chairman Herbert U. Feibelman, has rendered valuable assistance to the corresponding committee of the Florida State Bar Association in the framing of the proposed new Florida State Constitution.

The Committee on Meetings under Chairman William C. Gaither, has scheduled regular monthly meetings of the Association on the second Monday of each month at the Columbus Hotel. Meetings have

been well attended and the programs arranged by the Committee have been of great general interest.

The Committee on Public Relations under the guidance of Chairman William W. Muir, has reached a new high in strengthening the relationships between the Association and the public through the cooperation of the local press.

The Legislative Committee under the direction of Chairman Park H. Campbell has been working long hours in preparation of the Association's recommendations to the 1947 Legislature.

The Committee on Courts, headed by Chairman H. N. Boureau, recently conducted a poll of the membership of the Association on a recommendation to the Governor for the appointment to the Circuit Court Bench to fill the vacancy created by the election of the Honorable Paul D. Barns to the Supreme Court. The results of the poll designated member N. Vernon Hawthorne as the first choice of the Association. Judge Hawthorne now serves as one of the six Judges of the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit.

The Committee on Bar Economics, after considerable investigation under the direction of Chairman Owen Pittman, has recommended for consideration of the Association the organization of an abstract and title company by the lawyers of this county.

The Committee on By-Laws, headed by Chairman John H. Wahl, Jr., is in the midst of compiling and making available to the members the various amendments of the by-laws to date.

The Committee on Adoption Cases, under the guidance of Chairman Forrest O. Sullivan, renders valuable assistance to the State Welfare Board in investigations and recommendations made respecting the adoption of children in Dade County.

The Veterans or Military Committee has been extremely active in legal matters concerning veterans. A great volume of work has been competently handled by this Committee under Chairman Frank O. Spain.

The Committee on Charity Drives, under Chairman Thomas B. Everhart, during the recent Community Chest Drive undertook to canvass all the lawyers in Dade County.

The Legal Clinic Committee, under the able leadership of Chairman Albert B. Bernstein, has earned a place at the top of the list of accomplishments. The Committee conducts a legal clinic on the third Tuesday of each month and provides an outstanding man to lecture in a particular field of the law. Speakers to date, in order of their appearance, include the Honorable Daniel H. Redfearn, Doctor Ernest G. Lorenzen, Judge Ross Williams and the Honorable J. M. Flowers. An average attendance of more than two hundred at each of the clinics evidences the interest shown.

The Pictorial Roster Committee, under the guidance of Chairman Morgan Van Valkenburgh, is in the process of polling the membership of the Association respecting the feasibility of compiling a permanent loose-leaf roster of the membership containing photographs and bio-

graphical data. It is the concensus of opinion that in view of the size of the body of the membership, such roster may serve to provide a means of closer association among members.

The unique Committee of Chairmen is composed of the Chairman of each Committee of the Association and serves to coordinate the activities of all the committees. The twenty-seven committees are divided between the three Vice-Presidents of the Association, each of whom is responsible for the work of the committee under his supervision. The Committee of Chairmen meets regularly, and each Chairman is required to file a written report of his committee's activities with the President quarter-annually.

Other committees are meeting regularly and formulating ways and means of extending the activities of the Association. These activities will be the subject of a subsequent report.

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*Secretary.*