

FOREWORD

For a time so long "that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary" it hath been a custom to print a foreword upon the launching of every new publication, legal as well as literary. We are but rendering obedience to this time-honored custom, defined by Blackstone as law, when we present this foreword upon the launching of our good legal ship, which we hereby christen the Notre Dame Law Reporter.

In view of the existing law school publications, reviews and journals of the leading law schools of the country, all of which are similar in character, scope and purpose, it might be supposed that our publication is to be patterned upon these. But such is not the fact. These law reviews and journals, in their number, excellence and thoroughness, already completely supply the need and demand for such publications. The Reporter would be merely supplying cumulative evidence of this class of legal publications, and the court will not grant us a trial for this purpose. Some minor features of the generally adopted form of law school publication will be incorporated, but in its important major part the Notre Dame Law Reporter will constitute a new and novel departure in law school journalism. We trust, however, that it may not be subject to demurrer on account of such departure.

The Reporter, which is to be published quarterly during the scholastic year, will be primarily a student publication—of and for and by the law student body. Its second feature, however, will be no less important than the first—that devoted to the interests of the law alumni. The purpose of these two departments in the Reporter is to bring together in fact as they are already united in spirit the law school alumni and the law school students—to bring into active co-operation the law school triumphant and the law school militant.

The student department will consist of four sections. The court section will contain the decisions of the Supreme Court of Notre Dame based on records, assignments of error, and briefs filed therein. Selected briefs also will be published. The complete record of the Notre Dame Circuit Court will appear—the pleadings, issues tendered, trial pro-

cedure, verdict, motions, judgment and record for appeal. There will also be reported the proceedings of the Junior Moot Court and Criminal Practice Court.

Under the title "Only Our Own Opinion" will appear the special law papers and legal comments of the editorial staff of the Reporter. The "Case and Comment" section will present a synopsis of the recent decisions of the appellate courts and terse briefs on the most important and practical propositions of the law.

Law School News will have one division relating to the Law School itself,—its faculty, courses, courts, library, projects and bulletins; and another pertaining to the law students themselves,—their activities, social and personal.

The department of the Reporter devoted to the Alumni of the Law School will have three features: a Contributing Sections in which will be published the specially prepared legal briefs and law treatises contributed by the law graduates of Notre Dame; a News Section for reporting the activities of the law Alumni, professional and personal; and an Alumni Directory calculated to bring all Notre Dame lawyers into business and professional relations for their mutual benefit.

We are not unmindful of the character and importance of our project, which must be weighed and found worthy or wanting as the representative of the School of Law of the University. We do not, however, shrink from the responsibility, nor will we shirk the continuing task that the launching of the Reporter entails. We are conscious of the infirmities that our first issue of necessity must display, but we ask kindly consideration for our lofty purpose, and seek refuge from just criticism in the time-worn but once delectable reminder that everything improves with age.

With an abiding faith in the earnest co-operation of the students of the College of Law of today and tomorrow and the proud and loyal alumni of the old school, we begin the career of the Notre Dame Law Reporter by fondly dedicating it to those same Students and Alumni.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF.