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FOREWORD

In the issuance of a new publication in the already well-exploited field of the law review, the Mercer Beasley School of Law enters upon a new phase of activity without apology. A word of explanation, however, is perhaps in order.

In the first place, it is not intended to make the review one of national scope. To the busy practitioner, it is already becoming well-nigh impossible to cope with the discussions, many of them ably handled, of the numerous legal problems, so assiduously studied and so painstakingly documented, appearing in the long established law reviews. Indeed such a feat is daily becoming more difficult for men who have primarily devoted themselves to the domain of legal instruction, except by a rather drastic limitation of such study to their respective specialties. In fact, the attempt to accomplish so herculean a task is more apt to lead to confusion of thought, from principles partially assimilated and distinctions vaguely apprehended, than to a substantial increase in our fundamental legal knowledge.

The growing amount of citation from our law reviews is, however, proof of an increasing tendency to resort to them for exhaustive consideration of special problems which, with augmenting frequency, confront the practitioner in our rapidly expanding body of law. To have at one's command the reasoned marshalling of authorities and their critical analysis in respect of a phase of law, relatively new to counsel, fills a very real need of the bar. To have such research and analysis regarding the practice and problems of one's home jurisdiction cannot fail to be of true value to the local practitioner. This is especially true when one considers the relatively little attention which is paid to problems of a specifically New Jersey character in the law reviews of national scope. In those of

more local implication, little more than analogy will be found as an aid to the solution of our particular problems. It is, therefore, hoped that the new review, modest in its first appearance, will fill a real need of the New Jersey Bar and will gradually command for these columns the best critical thought of its qualified members upon subjects to which they have given especial consideration.

Another reason for the venture is essentially a scholastic one. To students of law—in the narrower sense—nothing is more stimulating than serious critical effort. Not only in the examination and consideration of manuscripts submitted is the field of undergraduate contact with the body of our law greatly enlarged; not only is the very reading and acceptance or rejection of proffered material a real test of legal discrimination; but as well and especially is the duty imposed upon the student editors, of reading discriminately for the purpose of preparing case notes, a real demand upon the critical faculty of the editors. The actual preparation of such notes cannot fail to develop a power of distinguishing, and an ability tersely to express such distinctions, which must prove invaluable to the growth of legal reasoning. The enthusiasm of the student editors themselves is ample earnest of this result.

And so, with this explanation and without apology, the new publication is launched. We, of the school's faculty, bespeak for it a sympathetic reception and hope that the interest it shall arouse, will be such as to point the way to higher worth and greater utility to the profession.

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