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## EDITORIAL

### THE LAW REVIEW AND THE BAR

The law review in recent years has succeeded in making for itself a place of importance in the practicing lawyer's library. Leading lawyers of the country subscribe for one or more law reviews, and find that many of the knotty legal problems that confront them have been carefully worked out by experts in the particular field of law concerned, and that their labors in brief making are greatly lessened. Recognizing the great value of these law reviews to the members of the bar, one of the leading service bureaus has, during the past year, extended its field of usefulness by offering to the legal profession abstracts of all the material published in these legal magazines. Through this service a practitioner can easily locate articles that will throw light upon his particular problem:

The editor knows of two cases where the losing lawyer would have profited if he read the law journal. One arose in Nebraska and the article referred to appeared in the Michigan Law Review. The only cases and the only arguments supporting the losing side were found in that article, but the article was not seen by the attorney. The other case arose in New Jersey. The problem which the losing lawyer in New Jersey had to face was

completely covered in an article in the Harvard Law Review and nowhere else, but he never saw it, and incidentally lost his case.

There are today two well recognized types of law reviews, the national and the local. The former class makes a nation wide appeal. The problems of Anglo-American law, as they arise in every state, are dealt with. The latter type deals more particularly with the decisions and questions arising in a single state. Such a review makes its appeal to the bar of its state, and offers an instrumentality through which the ideals and standards of the association may be advanced. It is generally recognized that there is room for one such law review in every state of the union.

It is to this latter class of reviews that the Kentucky Law Journal belongs, though it does not confine itself to local law. It seeks to serve the needs of the lawyers of the state. It has received the commendation of members of the Court of Appeals, and has been cited by that court. It is the desire of its editors to put the Journal into the hands of every lawyer of the state, and to thus increase its usefulness. It solicits the cooperation and support of the members of the State Bar Association, both as to contributions and subscriptions.