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for immediate attention because of the difficult nature of the subject matter. Agency and Contracts are the others which have been designated for first consideration. The work will consist of two parts: one a concise statement of principles stated so far as possible in direct form as a rule of law; the other a treatise discussing points in detail and collecting and classifying decisions and other authorities.

Work Done by Teachers

In the preparation of the restatement teachers of law are naturally called upon to carry a large part of the work. One is chosen, designated the Reporter, on whom devolves the duty of preparing the statement. He submits portions of his copy, from time to time, to an advisory board, whose members meet with the Reporter and criticize and discuss the material line by line and sometimes word by word. When a satisfactory statement is completed it will be submitted to the Council and then to the members of the Institute. If approved it will be presented to the bar and the public as the Institute's statement of the American law. The scheme therefore requires co-

operation by the bench, the bar and the schools. So far the outlook is very hopeful for the accomplishment of results of real and lasting value.

Part Played by Michigan Men

The Law School of the University of Michigan is and will continue to be intimately connected with this movement for the improvement of the law. Dean Henry M. Bates was one of the organizers of the Institute; he has been a member of the Council from the beginning. Mr. H. F. Goodrich is a member of the advisory committees in Torts and Conflict of Laws. Others of the Faculty will be called upon as more subjects are undertaken for statement. Mr. F. R. Mechem, once of Michigan, now of the University of Chicago, is the Reporter for the law of Agency. Two graduates of the School were made members of the Council at the last meeting—Judge M. B. Rosenberry, '93^l, of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, and Judge Rousseau A. Burch, '85^l, of the Supreme Court of Kansas. Many other Michigan men are among the distinguished lawyers and judges making up the membership of the Institute.

REVIVAL OF MOOT COURTS AT MICHIGAN

Organization and Operation of the Ancient Practice Among Students

By PROFESSOR HERBERT F. GOODRICH

MOOT courts in which law students argue law questions are not new, for they run back for centuries in the history of the English Inns of Court. Neither are they new at Michigan, for there have been several organizations in former days in the Law School devoted to the argument of cases among their members. These voluntary societies died

out, for one reason or another, some years ago. The Practice Court, part of the regular curriculum of the Law School, trains students in preparation of pleadings, analysis of facts and presentation of authorities and arguments. But it comes in the third year of the course and the size of present classes and the pressure of other work has made it im-

possible for each student to handle more than one case. More work along this line is desirable; furthermore, it is advantageous for the men to learn to use the law books, and to present constructive argument on law problems early in the course instead of having it wait until the third year.

Third Year Men Advisors

Clubs formed for the purpose of argument of moot cases exist in varying numbers at several of the best law schools in the country. From the students of the Law School at Michigan has come a movement for the establishment of such clubs here. The third year class took the initiative and through a



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committee appointed for that purpose have organized about twenty clubs of first and second year men. Each club is under the direction of a third year man as adviser. Arguments will start in a few days and continue for several weeks, until each member of the various clubs has participated in at least one argument. With this start it is expected that the work can begin without delay at the beginning of the school year next fall, when a more elaborate program can be undertaken. It is hoped at that time, too, to begin a series of inter-club contests, in addition to the arguments between counsel in the same club.

WESTERN CONFERENCE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI BANQUET IN NEW YORK

ON Friday, March 21st, the Second Annual Banquet of the New York Association of Western Conference Universities, was held at The Astor, one of the leading hostelrys of New York.

List of Speakers

Among those scheduled to speak were: James R. Angell, '90, A.M., '91, toastmaster, now President of Yale and a graduate of the University of Michigan, Alonzo Stagg, the nationally famous Athletic Director of the University of Chicago; W. A. Jessup, President of Iowa;

and Glen Frank, Editor of Century Magazine and a former Northwestern man.

A Few Special Features

There was also special entertainment provided in the nature of violin selections by Gilbert Ross, distinguished violinist, of Wisconsin; the Castle Club Orchestra, led by J. M. Friedlander, an Iowa man and made up mostly of Iowa men; Mantton P. Marble, '10, a well known tenor from Michigan, and other novelties.

Last year, the affair proved a tremendous success and was attended by several hundred. This year, an even larger number was in attendance.