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MESSAGE OF THE INCOMING PRESIDENT



ROBERT E. MORE

To the Members of the Denver Bar Association:

The editor has requested "a brief statement announcing acceptance of the office and policies."

I accept the office.

It has been said that lawyers do not take as prominent a part in matters affecting the general public as formerly. If the statement be true, lawyers are shirking an obligation. Science teaches us that progress is achieved through change, that change is one of the basic laws of nature. History discloses that, in general, change in municipal and governmental matters is most beneficent when normal, gradual, and thoughtful. The lawyer, by training and experience, is peculiarly well fitted to be of assistance in and to counsel wisely upon matters of this nature when restiveness, an awareness of

certain limitations in our existing social structure, and often actual want prompt the proposal of too hasty and drastic innovations. It is my hope that the lawyers of Denver may lend more and more assistance in a non-political way, upon matters affecting the public, both municipal and state. If Denver lawyers are to assist in these public matters, activities should be group, rather than individual ones.

But the Denver Bar Association cannot function efficiently unless its work is the effort of the entire Association, rather than that of its officers and committees alone. Existing members become indifferent, and new members cannot be secured unless the meetings of the Association continue to be interesting and instructive. For us as lawyers, law and its related subjects are, in general, our vocations and avocations. The incoming administration will endeavor to make every meeting one that lawyers will wish to attend. This can be accomplished, as was proved by Mr. Blount, by selecting informed speakers and topics of interest to Denver lawyers. If the speakers thus selected develop concisely their topics, the meetings will be interesting to the members. If the activities of the Association also recognize the importance of public service the Association will more completely play its part in our community life.

ROBERT E. MORE.