

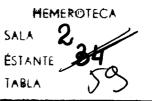
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Introduction

THE JOURNAL of the American Judicature Society, which Arthur T. Vanderbilt called "the beacon light of judicial reform," has been published since June, 1917, four years after the Society was chartered.

The Society's published efforts in behalf of improving the administration of justice actually antidated the Journal. A series of bulletins containing commentaries and model acts was published between 1914 and 1919, but before this series was completed it appeared, according to the first issue of the Journal, "inadvisable to longer defer general publicity and a broad invitation to membership in the Society."

What has continued to be the philosophy and purpose of the Society as reflected in the Journal was expressed in the editorial pages of Volume 1, Number 1 when Herbert Harley, the Society's founder wrote:

... What is most needed then is an openminded study of conditions and a chance for co-operation of both constructive and critical effort to the end that what is best shall survive and become a part of our institution. . . . To say that the American Judicature Society is first of all and mainly an educational force is to express its catholicity of purpose and ideal of service. . . There is not now, and probably never will be, finality in respect to the proposals offered. Finality is less a present concern than service based upon the best experience obtainable. It is an evolutionary work which is undertaken. . . .

The first issue was sent to all lawyers enrolled in the national and state bar associations, a total of 35,000, and this resulted in a readers' list of over 5,000, to which nearly 1,000 libraries were added. To educate a larger share of the responsible members of the profession to the defects of the nation's judicature so that it might be aroused and anxious to improve matters, the Journal was offered without

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