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## President's Letter

It is with a mixed feeling of humility and pride that I step into the position occupied by so many distinguished members of the bar of the State of Washington.

Since the organization of this association along its present lines, it has functioned as an active force. Permanent and effective departments now supervise matters relating to discipline of the bar, handle the qualification and admission of applicants to practice, and care for the numerous matters of general interest to the practicing lawyer. The unlawful practice of the law by parties neither authorized nor qualified has been receiving special care, and particular attention is being given to this very necessary reform.

The machinery of the association has been functioning effectively and it is the hope of the present officials that its efficiency will be not only maintained, but increased in the future.

The members of the bar must bear in mind that the function of the association depends on their individual cooperation. This is true, particularly with regard to unlawful practice of the law. Violations in this respect can only receive action from the association when they are called to its attention; and it should be the duty of every practicing lawyer to promptly report violations which come to his attention so that they can be investigated and proper action taken.

It is my belief that there are more violations in regard to the unlawful practice of law than most of us individually realize.

It is my sincere wish that during the ensuing year I may have an opportunity to visit and meet with a majority of the local associations throughout the different counties.

JAMES P. DILLARD, *President,*  
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