

some other topics in addition to those which your genial President brought out with such force and eloquence.

I thank you all very much.

MR. WICKERSHAM: The photographer will give us his benediction manifested by an explosion before the Chief Justice leaves.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR, William Draper Lewis.

Work on the Restatement of the Law.

Mr. President and Members of the Institute:

The best evidence of the work done on the Restatement since the Annual Meeting last year is the Tentative Drafts now ready for your consideration. The six drafts, covering 375 sections and 687 pages, represent work in Agency, Business Associations, Conflict of Laws, Contracts, Property and Torts.

When the work on Agency was begun in the fall of 1923, Mr. Floyd R. Mechem was appointed Reporter. No one else was seriously considered. Mr. Mechem was then, as he had been for many years, the outstanding authority on the Subject. Though at the time of his selection he was in his sixty-fifth year, he threw himself into his difficult task with that nervous energy which had enabled him to accomplish so much during his professional career. As each chapter was taken up, preliminary draft and conference, conference and preliminary draft followed each other in quick succession, taxing the time and strength of his co-workers and Advisers. Those of us who were privileged to work with him learned to know his kindness, his consideration, his high ideals and the strength of his moral fiber. His great desire was to live to see the completion of the Restatement. That this was not to be will always be a matter of sincere regret. It is, however, a satisfaction to know that prior to his death on December 11 last, so much of the work on Agency had been done that his name will always be identified with the completed Restatement. In Mr. Warren A. Seavey we have secured as Reporter for Agency the man whom Mr. Mechem wished to have succeed him in case he was unable to complete the task.