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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

ANDREW A. BRUCE

Since my election as President of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Edwin Keedy, I have made no comprehensive statement of my stewardship. I think it now fitting to make some statement as to the work which has been done by the Institute and which was made possible by the generous contributions of the Carnegie and Rockefeller Foundations.

Prior to my incumbency, the Institute had undertaken studies of crime in the cities of Hartford and New Haven, Connecticut, and of Jefferson County, Alabama, and a statistical analysis of crime in the Georgia courts. These studies were completed during my incumbency and, with the exception of the Alabama report, were printed in the Journal of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology. In addition to this, a comprehensive Study and Formulated Plan for a System of Statistical Records and Statistics was made by Mr. Sam B. Warner, under the direction of Mr. Frederic B. Crossley, who headed the Committee. This study and plan has also been printed in the Journal of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology and by the National Census Bureau. It has been made the basis of the Federal System and is now being used in at least eighty penal institutions. As a supplement to my other duties, soon after taking office and probably on account of my connection with the Institute, together with Dean Albert J. Harno of the University of Illinois and Professor Ernst W. Burgess of the University of Chicago, I was appointed on a Committee to Investigate and Report on the System of The Indeterminate Sentence and the Parole in the State of Illinois and on the General Conduct of its Penal Institutions. This study occupied nearly eighteen months and was afterwards printed in the Journal of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology and published in pamphlet and book form by the State of Illinois.

Soon after my incumbency, the Institute also undertook a study of crime in the city of Memphis, Tennessee. On account of the fact that the Memphis authorities were unable to agree upon any other director, your president undertook this duty himself, having been first instructed as to his duties by the able Director of the Chicago Crime Commission, Colonel Chamberlin. This report was also pub-

lished in the Journal of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology.

The next venture of the Institute was a study of Organized Crime in the City of Chicago, which was undertaken under the joint directorship of Mr. Arthur V. Lashley (the Director of the Survey of the Illinois Association for the Promotion of Justice) and your President, and of which the field director and draughtsman was Mr. John Landesco. This report, together with an introduction written by me, was published in the general report of the Illinois Association for Criminal Justice or so-called Illinois Crime Survey and also in pamphlet form.

Following this work and in collaboration with the Research Committee of the University of Chicago, the Institute has about completed a study of the vice areas in Chicago, which has been written by Mr. Walter R. Reckless of Vanderbilt University and will shortly be published.

In addition to the above and at the present time, the Institute, in conjunction with the Research Committee of the University of Chicago, is conducting and continuing the Study of Organized Crime in the State of Illinois. This study will probably be completed in May, 1931, and will be thorough and comprehensive in its character. Mr. John Landesco, who was Field Director of the former study, is Director of the new one.

In addition, also, to the above, the Institute, in conjunction with Northwestern University, the Chicago Crime Commission, and the Research Committee of the University of Chicago, is conducting an exhaustive study of the Police Department and of Police Administration in the City of Chicago and is attempting to formulate a Complete Plan of Re-organization. The Director of this study is Mr. Bruce Smith of New York.

In regard to the Studies of Organized Crime in the State of Illinois I desire to state that the work of the Institute has and will be much more than the mere publishing of reports or printed surveys. We have, indeed, collected a mass of material which, of course, is too voluminous for publication but which extends over a period of many years and has been carefully indexed and catalogued, and will serve as a mine of information for any future investigations. It contains a "Who's Who in Gangland" and a sociological and political history of the genesis and causes of much of Chicago's crime. If one, indeed, will study our files and records, to say nothing of our printed reports, in connection with the really invaluable records and files of the Chicago Crime Commission, there will be but little in this life of

the underworld that he will fail to understand. The two records, however, do not encroach upon but supplement each other. One studies crime from the standpoint of arrest and trials and conviction; the other from the political and sociological angle.

I may also add that the Institute through its officers and directors took an active part in the work of the Illinois Crime Survey. Colonel Henry Barrett Chamberlin was a constant source of information and suggestion, the Chicago Crime Commission of which he is Director being a party to the management. Colonel John H. Wigmore officiated as Editor-in-Chief of the Published Report and wrote an introduction thereto. Messrs. August Vollmer, Bruce Smith and Raymond Moley contributed articles on The Police in the City of Chicago, The Rural Police and the Municipal Court of Chicago. Your President served on the Survey and Revision Committees and wrote an introduction to and directed the study of Organized Crime. He also furnished a chapter on Paroles and Pardons and wrote a summary of the Survey as a whole which was published in advance of the parent volume. Mr. Arthur V. Lashley was the Director of the Survey.

It is perhaps needless to state that all of the above work has been made possible by the generous contributions of the Carnegie and the Rockefeller Foundations.