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## EDITORIAL

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JAMES WILFORD GARNER

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James Wilford Garner, the first Editor-in-Chief of this JOURNAL, and Professor of Political Science in the University of Illinois, died when our last number was coming from the press.

During many years he had been recognized throughout the nation as an authority on international law. This recognition he earned through his many books and published articles and by his even more numerous addresses before learned societies in our own country and often abroad.

Many of his former students have given testimony to the writer of Professor Garner's qualities as a class-room lecturer and teacher. He had the rare ability to challenge his listeners, not by dogmatic statements, nor in any manner by seeming to expect their assent as a matter of course, but by provoking thought and discussion.

Because he assumed the responsibility for the editorial management of this JOURNAL at its beginning and because he gave it his thorough attention in its formative period, his contribution to its successful existence cannot be measured.

In our number one of volume one (May, 1910) Professor Garner published five editorials aggregating thirteen pages.

The following is an excerpt from one of these editorials that is entitled: "Plan of the Journal." It will bear repetition in this connection:

"It will aim to arouse and extend a wider interest in the study of all questions relating to the administration of the criminal law, including the causes and prevention of crime, methods of criminal procedure and the treatment of criminals; to provide a common medium for recording the results of the best scientific thought and professional practice in this and foreign countries concerning the larger problems of criminal science; to consider the present state of the criminal law in every branch, and to bring to the attention of all who are interested the evidences of progress in legislation and administration so far as it relates to the detection and punishment of crime, criminal procedure, and the punishment of offenders. It will advocate the introduction of such reforms in existing penal methods as experience and reason have shown to be

desirable, to the end that a more effective, speedy and inexpensive system of criminal justice may be secured, more modern and effective methods of dealing with criminals may be introduced, and the causes of the present widespread and increasing popular dissatisfaction with the administration of criminal law may be removed. The JOURNAL will encourage and advocate legislation looking toward the collection and publication of more systematic statistical and descriptive information relating to the causes, nature and punishment of crime, including judicial statistics showing the efficiency of those agencies and instrumentalities charged with the detection and punishment of crime. Finally, the JOURNAL will furnish reviews of recent and current scientific literature in English and foreign languages, dealing with the progress of criminal jurisprudence and penal methods, together with bibliographical and miscellaneous notes of interest to students of the criminal law, criminology and the allied sciences.

"It is believed that such a journal will appeal not only to intelligent practitioners who are interested in the progress of a scientific criminal law, but to all persons, public officials and private individuals alike, who are concerned directly or indirectly with the administration of punitive justice, as well as to a large group of scholars who are working in the allied fields of sociology, anthropology, psychology, philanthropy, etc. It is now recognized that all these sciences are more or less closely related to criminal jurisprudence and criminology and that they are capable of throwing a vast amount of much-needed light on many problems of the criminal law. Each is in a sense contributing to the others and at many points their spheres touch and even overlap."

ROBERT H. GAULT.

