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ANNUAL MEETING

The next annual meeting of the Institute will be held in Indianapolis instead of St. Louis as originally announced. The sessions will open on the evening of September 16 and will close on the 18th. The earlier decision to meet in St. Louis in August at the time of the American Bar Association Sessions was reconsidered at the meeting of the Executive Board of the Institute in Chicago on April 7. The Board was, and is yet, cognizant of the advantages that come from meeting annually with the Bar Association as we have been doing for a number of years, and we heartily appreciate the courtesies that the Association has extended to us in years past. At the same time it seemed to many members of the Board that there are serious disadvantages in the way of the proposed meeting in St. Louis in August. When the pros and cons had been weighed decision was reached to meet independently for this year at any rate, and Indianapolis was selected as the most suitable place in which to try the experiment.

Committeemen are urged to push on their work so that they may have their reports in the hands of the Committee on Program by September 1 at the latest. Reports should be sent to the office of the JOURNAL at 31 W. Lake street, Chicago.

ROBERT H. GAULT.

NEW STATE BRANCHES OF THE INSTITUTE

A branch of the Institute has been organized in California. The membership includes forty-two persons. Dr. A. A. O'Neill of San Francisco is President and Dr. Norbert Gottbrath, Flood Building, San Francisco, Secretary-Treasurer. The Massachusetts Branch, which, like many other organizations, suffered some disintegration during the war, has been reorganized with the following named officers:

President—Arthur D. Hill, Esq.
Vice-Presidents—Dr. Walter E. Fernald and the Hon. John D. McLaughlin.
Secretary-Treasurer—Dr. A. W. Stearns.
The address of the Secretary-Treasurer is 520 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

Each of these new organizations has already held several meetings and they will doubtless present reports of constructive work at our next annual meeting.

ROBERT H. GAULT.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE INSTITUTE OF CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY, CHICAGO, APRIL 7, 1920

The Executive Board met at 12:30 in the University Club at Chicago on the day above mentioned, and was called to order by the President, Hugo Pam. There were present in addition to the President, Mr. James Bronson Reynolds, Dr. F. Emory Lyon, James H. Tufts, F. B. Crossley, Henry Barrett Chamberlin, Senator James J. Barbour, John H. Wigmore, Robert W. Millar, Robert H. Gault.

On motion duly made and seconded the action of the previous meeting relating to the time and place of the next annual meeting was ordered reconsidered. After discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the question of time and place of meeting was referred to a committee composed of J. H. Wigmore, James Bronson Reynolds, and the President, Judge Hugo Pam, with power. (A majority of the committee met on the evening of the 7th and decided to hold the next annual meeting separately in Indianapolis beginning on or about September 15, the exact date to be fixed by the Program Committee.)

On motion duly made and seconded a Committee on Program was appointed with power to arrange a program for the next annual meeting. The personnel of the committee is as follows: James Bronson Reynolds, John H. Wigmore, F. B. Crossley, Robert H. Gault, and President Pam.

Pursuant to the action of the Executive Board on October 15, 1919, the Executive Secretary proposed an amendment to Article V, Section 2, of the Constitution of the Institute. The section referred to shall read as follows:

Executive Board.—The government of the Institute shall be vested in an Executive Board consisting of the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, the Managing Editor, and the Managing Director of the Journal of the Institute, and each retiring President, during the term of his successor only, ex officio, and twelve members at large, who shall be elected at the annual meeting in the same manner as the
officers, and in a Council consisting of five members of the Board appointed by the President, which shall be charged with the functions and shall have the power of the Executive Board, between meetings of that body in all matters which may be delegated to it by the constitution or by-laws, or by the Executive Board.

And the following amendment to Section 5, Article VII of the Constitution of the Institute was proposed. The section shall read as follows:

Quorum.—Fifteen members of the Institute and seven members of the Executive Board, or three members of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The proposed amendments were approved and ordered presented to the Institute at its next annual meeting.