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This is a novel which is concerned with the legal problem of liability for counseling reliance on faith-healing to the exclusion of medical advice.


Here is the first written history of the American Bar Association. Professor Sunderland's book, one of the Survey of the Legal Profession series, is divided into three parts: The Saratoga Era, The Era of National Expansion and The Era of Federation.


This issue of the Annals contains an interesting series of more than twenty articles, written by lawyers under the editorship of Professors Benjamin Kaplin and Livingston Hall of the Harvard Law School. Included, of course, are suggestions for reform and for further study.


Written for the Survey of the Legal Profession, Dean Harno's significant book sets forth in broad outline the history of legal education, dealing specifically with the Inns of Court the Litchfield School, Story and the Harvard Law School, Langdell and the Case Method, and the impact of the American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools. In the last two chapters, covering nearly one half of the book, Dean Harno lists the self-criticisms of modern legal education and gives a present appraisement.


After an introductory chapter and another chapter analyzing the marital-property laws in the common law and community property states, the author devotes a chapter to analyzing the basic aspects of the Choice-of-Law Problem, that is, characterization of the issue before the court, selection of the jurisdiction whose law is to be given effect, and application of the law of that jurisdiction. The remaining three chapters examine these aspects in detail. The book purports to discuss all cases and statutes in the field.


Dr. Guttmacher is a well-known psychiatrist; Professor Welhofen is a lawyer who has long been interested in the field of medical disorder and the criminal law. The first one third of their useful book explains the types of mental disorder. There follow chapters dealing with the psychiatrist as an expert witness and on the effect of mental incompetency in guardianship, contracts, wills etc. The final chapters deal with mental disorder and the criminal law.

1. See WEHOFEN, INSANITY AS A DEFENCE IN CRIMINAL LAW (1933).