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A SUBSCRIBER suggests an alteration in long vacation, by making it commence somewhat later on in the summer. There is much to be said in favor of his view. It is worthy of discussion, and doubtless the Judges would be glad to hear the view of the profession on the subject, that they might take such action as would be in their general interests.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION.

The American Bar Association held their annual meeting in Chicago in August. David Dudley Field presided, and his opening address is full of information and good things. Of the forty-two States and five Territories comprised in the Republic (he tells us), all but eight have now biennial instead of annual meetings of their Legislatures. During the year the local law makers enacted ten thousand laws, to which multitude the gentlemen of Congress added 517. Truly a goodly number; yet "it is worthy of remark that in all this multitude of enactments there are few, very few indeed, of general interest": much sack, little bread. Strange to say, Mr. Field does not think the change to biennial sessions a wise one; it is engendered by "a general disrespect for Legislatures." He does not agree with Dr. Sangrado, who says, "When the body is sick the blood is sick. Take from the patient half his sick blood, and he is but half as sick as he was." He does not consent to the argument that as the Legislatures do more harm than good when they meet, therefore, cut their years of meeting to one-half, and, presto! but half the mischief. He believes his countrymen can still elect honest representatives: "The upright citizens, they who desire honest government, are an immense majority of the American people; the politicians are a timorous set, who will cower and run the moment they hear the growl of the people."

His ideals of a true lawyer are high. "He is a minister of justice. Upon him and his brethren, more than upon any equal number of citizens, depends the good order of the State. . . . The lawyer is, and must always be, first in a free and peaceful nation. Of the twenty-two Presidents, eighteen have been lawyers; a majority of Senators have come from that profession," and the legal element