

statutes enacted in one state have been substantially adopted in the legislature of others, and this not merely in those matters in which special efforts have been made to bring about uniformity in legislation. The unity of the country in social and business affairs makes it necessary that business men as well as lawyers having anything more than a local practice, should be able readily to inform themselves of the laws of many states on a great number of subjects. There is already a tendency to uniformity of classification in the preparation of digests, and this tendency should be stimulated by the approval of this Association and accelerated by the conscious and well-directed efforts of editors and publishers and legislative commissions. Effective action on these matters cannot be taken without co-operation among the several states, and if the Association approves of and is desirous of taking effective measures for retarding the increase of the volume of the reports and of bringing about uniformity of classification and plan in the digests of the statutes of the several states, your committee would recommend that a special committee be appointed for the purpose, consisting of one member of each state."

The committee offered the following resolutions:

"1. That the increasing volume of the reported cases is a burden for which some relief must be found both in the selection of the opinions that are reported and in greater brevity in the opinions themselves.

"2. That it is desirable that there be substantial uniformity of plan and classification in digests of the statutes of the various states.

"3. That a committee be appointed consisting of one member from each state to consider these matters, and to confer with members of the Bar and with judges and reporters and to take such action as they may think best to bring about the desired results."