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that the President of one of our greatest universities was endorsing, in fact, recommending just such motives for college work as prompt our boys. Because we feel that Dr. Mason did not have the situation at Chicago-Kent College of Law in mind, although insisting that the same motives that prompt our many night school students to attain their ambitions as the proper ones for undertaking any college work, we invite Dr. Mason's attention to our student body.

ROUND TABLE MEETING

The December meeting of the Round Table was held at the Eastgate Hotel on Saturday, December 3rd. This being an Alumni Issue of the Review, it might be well to give a few words of explanation of this new activity, for the benefit of those who may have missed or forgotten the able presentation of its origin and purposes in the March 1927 Review.

Its conception was in the student body and one Peter Wall is credited with the paternity of it. The attending physician, nurse and governess was none other than our own Judge Pickett, and its present virility is but another tribute to his skill. Originally there were about a dozen members,—today there are over three times that number. Membership is by invitation of the executive committee, and scholarship and character are the prime requisites. Though race, religion, or social standing have no bearing, it is not a democracy, but an aristocracy—of merit. It meets once a month on Saturday afternoon to hear and discuss some selected legal question presented by an eminent outside authority or by a member of the faculty. The calibre of its membership is evidenced by the fact that although it contains the cream of the school in scholarship, the December meeting was the first to have a full attendance, because it was the first one held after the close of the football season!

The subject of the December meeting was "The Nature of Tort Liability" and the Pole Star of the firmament was Judge Pickett. Far be it from the writer to attempt to play Coke to the Judge's Littleton. Suffice it to say that tort liability is a heterogeneous collection of violations of civil rights for which the judicial authorities have given a remedy. It differs from contract liability in that the latter is homogeneous. Because of this essential difference, the probability of the extension of tort liability is much greater than that of contract liability. The discussion phase of the meeting was given over to three specific extensions of the doctrine. Although perfectly logical in the abstract, there was a spirited discussion of the possibility of enforcing a property right in the product of a man's mind.

It is unfortunate that in class the limitations of time are so severe, that the instructor barely has an opportunity of developing the melody of his subject. It is therefore all the more enjoyable when on such leisurely occasions as these meetings, ample opportunity is afforded of bringing out the overtones in their symphonic fullness. And when as in this case, the leader has had over thirty years' training, the beauty of the presentation is unmistakable.

—DUFFY.

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