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## THE EDITOR'S PAGE

The REVIEW trusts that the members of the Bar will find stimulating the lead article "Selection and Tenure of Maryland Judges: An Explanation of a Proposal," prepared by Robert J. Martineau, Esquire, and published at the request of the Maryland State Bar Association.

Professor T. B. Hogan, the author of the second lead article, is a visiting professor this year at Villanova University School of Law from the land which gave us our common law system. We are grateful to him for appraising a recent Maryland Court of Appeals decision concerning the requirement of *mens rea* in a bigamy charge.

Our readers will be interested to learn that the Alumni Association of the School of Law has instituted a fund to perpetually endow at the School the Morris A. Soper Lectures. It is anticipated that the lectures will be given at the Law School from time to time by distinguished lawyers, judges or scholars of national reputation and will be open to all members of the Bar.

The REVIEW is pleased to announce the Editors for the school year 1963-64. They are: Editor, H. Rutherford Turnbull III; Casenote Editor, Jules R. Willen; Recent Decisions Editor, John Harris Gurley; Assistant Editors,

Mrs. Sheila K. Sachs, Robert S. Fertitta, and Abel J. Merrill.

Having recorded in Volume XXII, No. 4, a Memorial Minute of the Faculty Council of the Law School, passed in tribute to Honorable William Calvin Chesnut, of the Class of 1894, the REVIEW sadly notes in similar fashion the death of another great Maryland jurist of national fame and honor by printing the Memorial Minute adopted by the Faculty Council in tribute to Judge Morris Ames Soper.

### *Judge Morris Ames Soper*

The death on March 12, 1963, of Judge Morris Ames Soper brought to a close a career of extraordinary accomplishment and significance. During his long and active life there were many things which interested him deeply — many institutions upon which he left an enduring effect. Among these the School of Law is surely to be counted.

A graduate of the School in 1895, Judge Soper was a member of the faculty from 1918 to 1926, teaching courses in Corporations and Admiralty, and thereafter continued as a member of the Faculty Council until 1948. The last period was a difficult one of transition for the School during which Judge Soper's wise counsel and constant devotion were particularly valuable and significant. He was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the University in 1958.

Judge Soper's interest in the School continued until his death, manifesting itself in many ways. The School has lost a most loyal, devoted and distinguished alumnus, and joins the bench and bar of both State and Nation in mourning his passing.