

### The Common Room

On 19th July, 1961, the Rt. Hon. Lord *Parker of Waddington* and the Hon. *Earl Warren*, were the guests of the Association at a late afternoon party held in the common room. There was a large attendance of members of the Bench and the Bar.

On 18th August, 1961, the Association entertained Dr. J. M. *Williams*, formerly Dean of the Faculty of Laws at the University of Sydney, at a similar party.

On 8th September, 1961, Mr. Justice A. B. *Bridge* and Judge G. B. *Thomas* were the guests of the Association at a party held to offer congratulations upon their recent appointments to the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory and the New South Wales District Court.

On 25th August and 27th October, 1961, members dined in the common room as noted elsewhere in this issue.

Since the last issue of the "Gazette", *Holmes*, Q.C., and Mrs. *Holmes*, have presented to the Association two cut-glass decanters, and *Meares*, Q.C., has given the six aquatints of the old Courts in Westminster Hall and elsewhere after the style of Pugin and Rowlandson, which are now hanging on the northern wall of the Common Room. The Attorney-General has handed over to the Association a framed collection of photographs of the members of the New South Wales Bar in 1906. For the time being this is being kept in the Registrar's office.

The Council wishes to place on record its sincere appreciation of these gifts.

Since the above was set in type, *Bowen* Q.C. has presented to the Association to mark his Presidency, seven oil paintings by W. E. Pidgeon on legal subjects. These topical paintings will afford both interest and amusement to present and future members of the Bar, and all members of the Association owe a great debt of gratitude to *Bowen* for his munificent gift.

### The Library

The Library has recently acquired a complete set of The Western Australian Law Reports.

The Council desires to acknowledge with grateful thanks the following gifts in recent months to the Association's Library:—

By Mr. Justice *Owen*—*Bacon's Abridgement* (formerly in the library of the donor's grandfather, Sir *William Owen*, a former Justice of our Supreme Court).

By Mr. Justice *Sugerman*—24 Volumes of *Notable British Trials*.

By Judge *Stacy*—*Stephen's History of the Criminal Law of England*.

By *Snelling*, Q.C.—*The Speeches of Charles Phillips*.

By *Bowen*, Q.C.—*The New Natura Brevium*, by Fitz-Herbert J. (1652).

*The History of the Common Law of England*, by Sir Matthew Hale (3rd edn., 1739) and the *Analysis of the Law*, by Hale (3rd edn., 1739).

### Dining-in Nights

Since the last issue of the *Bar Gazette*, two Dining-in Nights have taken place at the Common Room, Wentworth Chambers.

On each occasion the attendance included judges, senior counsel and members of the junior Bar of varying degrees of seniority, and those present spent a most enjoyable evening.

The first of these functions, at which *Bowen*, Q.C., President of the Association, presided, was held on 25th August, 1961, those present including Mr. Justice *Dovey*, Judge in Divorce, Mr. Justice *Thesiger*, of the Queen's Bench Division, Mr. Justice *Beattie* of the New South Wales Industrial Commission, and Judge *Conybeare*, Chairman of the Workers' Compensation Commission.

The principal after-dinner speakers were Mr. Justice *Dovey* (whose subject was "Cross-Examination and Allied Subjects"), and Mr. Justice *Thesiger*.

The second Dining-in Night was held on 27th October, 1961, the Vice-President of the Association, *Meares*, Q.C., presiding. Those present included Mr. Justice *McLelland*, Chief Judge in Equity, and Judge *Stacy*, retired District Court Judge. Mr. Justice *McLelland* and Judge *Stacy* were the speakers on this occasion.

It is anticipated that these functions will become a regular part of the corporate life of the Bar and will give members of the Bar who do not normally come into contact with one another, an opportunity of getting to know one another.

### Coming Events

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November 17—Bench and Bar Annual Buffet Party—Wentworth Hotel.

December 1—Annual Meeting of the Association—Common Room.

December 8—Late afternoon party in honour of Mr. Justice *Owen*—Common Room.

December 12—Annual General Meeting of Counsel's Chambers Limited—Common Room.

December 16—First day of Long Vacation.

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February 5—Last day of Long Vacation.