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SYMPOSIUM ON LEGAL MEDICINE

Foreword

The LOUISIANA LAW REVIEW is happy to participate in the symposium on medicolegal research conducted by Professor Hubert Winston Smith, Professor of Legal Medicine at the University of Illinois. In recent years the interdependence of law and medicine has become increasingly apparent to members of both professions. Through the media of leading medical and legal periodicals throughout the country, Dr. Smith has already conducted two symposium series on law-science problems with particular reference to legal medicine. A complete list of the material published can be secured from Dr. Smith at the University of Illinois School of Medicine, Chicago, Illinois.

The first two articles selected for publication in the LOUISIANA LAW REVIEW, "Medicolegal Aspects of the Upper Extremity" and "Medicolegal Aspects of the Lower Extremity," deal with the subject of scientific proof. We feel that these will be of great interest and will have an immediate practical value for all attorneys engaged in personal injury litigation or workmen's compensation practice.

The other contributions are designed to show the close relationship between legal theory and matters of scientific knowledge. Law reform must proceed in the light of discoveries which are constantly being made in the physical and social sciences. Some of the material in this symposium points up, it is hoped, the need for mutual understanding among all those who work for human betterment.

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