Editorial

The organization meeting of the Louisiana State Law Institute was held in Leche Hall on Saturday, January 28, 1939. Thirty members of the Council were in attendance and their enthusiastic interest in the Institute's opportunities contributed to a very successful meeting. Following an opening statement by Dean Paul M. Hebert, brief remarks were made by Chief Justice Charles A. O'Neill, by Attorney General Gaston L. Porterie, representing Governor Leche, and by John H. Tucker, Jr., Monte M. Lemann, Dean James T. Connor of Loyola University School of Law and Dean Paul W. Brosman of Tulane University College of Law. At the luncheon meeting, the speakers included David M. Ellison, for the State Bar of Louisiana, C. V. Porter for the Louisiana State
Bar Association, Judge William H. Byrnes, Jr. of New Orleans, and Hon. S. Allen Bordelon, Chairman of Judiciary “C” Committee of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana.

By-laws were adopted by the Council containing the organization plans in respect to membership, officers, committees and meetings. All judges of courts of record in the State of Louisiana and members of the faculties of the three law schools were made associate members of the Institute. The active membership is to be composed of not more than 150 lawyers to be elected by the Council on the recommendation of the Membership Committee.

Officers elected were as follows: President, John H. Tucker, Jr.; Vice-President, Monte M. Lemann; Secretary, Paul M. Hebert; Assistant-Secretary, Eugene A. Conway, Jr.; Treasurer, Charles F. Fletchinger.

The Council adopted a resolution accepting responsibility for the editorial work on the preparation of a Compiled Edition of the Civil Codes of Louisiana authorized under the provisions of Act 165 of 1938. Professor Joseph Dainow has been designated as Reporter in charge of this project. The code compilation, when completed, will make available to the legal profession a complete legislative history of each article in the Louisiana Civil Code. The Compiled Code will contain in one unit the present text of each article, the official text of 1870 and subsequent amendments, the text of the Codes of 1825 and 1808, both in English and in French, together with the corresponding provisions of the Code Napoleon, also in English and in French. With research assistants now at work at Tulane, Loyola and Louisiana State University, the editorial and research work necessary in the preparation of the compilation is moving forward steadily.

The Council authorized the appointment of a special committee to prepare a budget for the Louisiana State Law Institute and to consider the selection of a Director for the Institute. A special committee was also authorized to consider the advisability of undertaking the translation of one of the shorter standard commentaries on the French civil law.

The various committees of the Institute are now in the process of undertaking their respective labors which should result in useful service to the legal profession and to the State of Louisiana.