

BAR AGAIN REFUSES TO ADMIT WOMEN

Heated Discussion Ensues
Over Amendment To
Lawyers' Code

WILLIAMS CHALLENGED

President's Right To Occupy
Chair When Ruling Is At-
tacked Questioned

The Baltimore Bar Association, for the second time in four months, last night defeated a proposed amendment to change the organization's constitution so that women would be eligible for membership.

The action was taken at a dinner meeting held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel. George Weems Williams, president, presided. Approximately 325 attended.

Heated Discussion Over Plan

The presentation of the proposed amendment began a heated discussion over its merits, which soon evolved itself into a debate over a ruling by the chair that proxies could not be voted. An appeal was taken from this decision and Mr. Williams put his ruling to a vote.

Those in favor of overruling the chair had voted already when Augustus C. Binswanger suggested that generally when an appeal is taken from a ruling by a chairman the chairman should call someone else to preside until a decision had been reached.

Mr. Williams asked whether the members desired him to leave the chair and he was greeted by a chorus of "noes." Subsequently it was suggested that there be a roll call on the appeal from the chair, but as no one had a roster of those present, the suggestion was recalled.

Chair Is Sustained

Finally the ruling of the chair was sustained and proxies were not admitted. When a call for a vote on the proposed amendment was made, however, the amendment was overwhelmingly defeated without the proxies, all of which were said to be drawn in an effort to defeat the amendment.

The question of changing the constitution of the association first was raised last October, when four women were proposed as members. They are Miss Emille A. Doetsch, an Assistant City Solicitor; Miss Marie W. Presstman; Mrs. Helen Sherry, the first woman to try a case before the Court of Appeals, and Miss Henrietta D. Stonestreet.