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## EDITORIAL NOTES

### THE LAW JOURNAL'S PLANS.

With this number, the Kentucky Law Journal re-assumes its pre-war place as a regular legal periodical and as the official organ of the State Bar Association. During the war it was necessary to suspend publication because of the scarcity of paper and of editors. But during the school year 1918-19 two numbers were published, and in 1919-20 one number was published. It is now planned to issue the journal regularly four times a year, this being the first for the year 1920-21, the others to come from the press in January, March, and May.

It is the desire of the management to make the Kentucky Law Journal a better and more helpful magazine than it has been in the past, and to make it perform a real service to the lawyers of Kentucky and the legal profession in general. To the end that this desire may be realized, communications from readers containing suggestions, or comments and articles for publication are invited. If you have any legal questions, or know of an interesting case, or have worked out the solution to some knotty legal problems, please let us know about it.

## THE LAW SCHOOL.

The College of Law of the University of Kentucky has become one of the strongest and most influential departments of the University, and it is believed the school compares favorably with the leading law schools of the South. It now has five professors on its faculty, who give all their time to legal instruction, and an enrollment of eighty students. The requirement for graduation and the degree of LL. B. is now three full years of law work, with a pre-requisite of a four-year high school course and one full year of college work in Arts and Sciences. The added entrance requirement has resulted in bringing into the law school students better qualified for legal studies than formerly, and it is believed the added requirements for graduation have resulted in the school's graduates being better fitted for the responsibilities of the legal profession.

The school takes pride in announcing that two of its graduates, S. K. Hicks and H. E. Hicks of last year's class, ranked first and second in the Tennessee Bar Examination last June. Among their competitors for examination honors were graduates from Harvard, Yale, and other Institutions of note. Many of its graduates of last year's class are already actively engaged in the practice in various parts of the State of Kentucky and other States, and the reports of their success are glowing indeed.

The Institution lost one of its ablest instructors this year when Dr. W. L. Summers was elected to a professorship in Law at the University of Illinois; but happily his place is being admirably filled by Prof. W. L. Roberts, who has a B. A. from Brown University, an A. M. from Pennsylvania State, and a J. D. from the University of Chicago, and who has had seven years college teaching experience. Professor Roberts teaches the courses in Property.

Besides Professor Roberts, the teaching staff now consists of W. T. Lafferty, Dean of the Law School, who teaches the practice courses, Evidence and Criminal Law; Lyman Chalkley, professor of Constitutional Law, Introductory Law, Sales and Quasi-Contracts; Prof. W. S. Hamilton, who teaches Torts and Equity subjects, and Prof. W. G. Goble, who has charge of the courses in Contracts, Persons, Corporations, Suretyship and Conflicts of Law.

Recent changes in the course of study have resulted in the giving of more time to the fundamental subjects, as for instance, each of the subjects of Contracts and Torts is taught six hours per week for a semester instead of three hours a week for the entire year. This plan has several advantages: It keeps a student working on fewer subjects at a time, and as a result a keen and uninterrupted interest is maintained throughout the pursuit of the subject. It also enables a student to begin his course or begin a subject at the beginning of either semester.

The quarters of the law school have recently been enlarged and made more commodious, and new books are constantly being added to the already adequate library. Miss Clara White is librarian, and gives all of her time to directing the library and assisting the students in connection with their library work.

### NOTES OF THE LAW COLLEGE.

Law students have been quite prominent in University activities this year. Mervin K. Eblen, of Henderson, was elected President of the Senior class; J. W. Milam was chosen class Grumbler, and Dillard Turner was the choice for class orator.

F. P. Bell, a senior in the College of Arts, and who is taking his first year in Law, is President of the Patterson Literary Society, while Dillard Turner is President of the Union Literary Society.

Miss Adelle Slade, who is a senior in Arts, but who is taking work in the College of Law, is Editor of the *Kentuckian*.

Messrs. Hays, Fielder and Johnson, who have come to the Law School from Berea College, are quite prominent in the work in the Literary Societies and in Dramatics, Mr. Hays winning the first prize given by the Strollers on Amateur night, and Mr. Fielder the second prize.

The work in the Henry Clay Law Society has been very successful so far this year, and gives promise of being much more successful in the future. A debate is being planned for the near future to discuss the question as to whether or not an action brought in one State upon an obligation arising in another State is governed by the law of the State where the action is brought or by the law

of the place where the contract is made. The great weight of authority is in favor of the *lex fori*, but Professor Goble and Bob Hays think the rule should be otherwise. Thos. J. Burchett '21, is president of the Society.