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## THE NEW VENTURE OF HUMANIZING UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

By DR. CLARENCE C. LITTLE

At the university we are all cooperating in the initial phases of a new venture. This involves a gradual shifting of the emphasis from dry and impersonal treatment of the academic problems of the student to a very much more human and personal attitude. American universities are worshipping, at present, the policy of raising the academic requirements with too little thought as to how the student acquires the additional information or what use he makes of it. The type of scholarship produced is, in the case of the average boy, slavish and unfortunate. Because of these facts the durability of the scholarship so acquired is greatly decreased. So many facts and details are piled upon immature minds that they seldom succeed in assimilating them, let alone the possibility that the student may be able to view himself and his problems with a true prospective.

To shift the emphasis of university aims and rewards from such a purely academic basis to one which involves deep understanding of and sympathy for the problems of youth is a large task. Its very size, however, and the immensity of its possibilities is a source of inspiration to cooperative effort in which all alumni can wholeheartedly participate.

Later, as plans become more definite, various channels and outlets for alumni activity and aid will be outlined. They may to some seem disconnected and apart from the general scheme as outlined. This, however, will not be the case. They will all fit in to the broader conception of a more human type of university. When the chance comes and the call is made, I am sure that the class of 1894 will be among the first to respond with sympathy and understanding.

## THE LAW SCHOOL

By DEAN H. M. BATES

The college year started off most auspiciously. The Law School is running smoothly, and, I think, effectively. The following is a table of attendance for 1924 and 1925:

Registration Oct. 1.	1924	1925
1st year class.....	238	233
2nd year class.....	152	173
3rd year class.....	126	145
4th year class.....	2	5
Unclassified.....	2	2
Specials.....	4	2

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The above notes a healthy gain. Despite the fact that we have never applied scholarship standards so severely in the dropping of students or administered the entrance requirements quite so rigidly, the gain continues.

That, of course, is not the important thing about the Law School. We keep working away at the curriculum, developing the library and faculty, and I think that each year shows appreciable gain in these important respects.

## THE UNIVERSITY'S BEGINNINGS

By NICHOLAS M. BUTLER, LL.D.\*

From what the United States was saved, either through a sense of humor or because of growing ignorance of the ancient classics, may be seen when one reads the earliest provisions that were made for the University of Michigan. The charter for this institution that was granted by the Governor and Judges of the Territory of Michigan in 1817 called it The Catholepistemiad or University of Michigania. This creation was to consist of thirteen Didaxim or professorships, the thirteen being subdivided into sixty-three sciences, many of which bore names that no dictionary ever recorded. The professorial body was called the Didactorium, and the institution was to include the entire system of public in-

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# THE BULLETIN

The Bulletin is issued, throughout the year, in February, June and October.

## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR CLASS TAX?

If you have not paid your class tax, you will find enclosed in this Bulletin a duplicate statement of the same. The original was sent to you over a year ago. The tax was due in January, 1925.

Please remit now! Do not put it off any longer. It is a low tax that everyone can afford, only \$5 for five years; other classes (including our Junior Laws) levy \$10, and their members get less for their money. We know of no other class that issues a class paper. The money goes exclusively toward covering necessary disbursements, **and we need it now!**

## HAIL TO THE NEW CLASS DIRECTORY!

The manuscript for the new class directory is about ready for the printers. It will be more than a mere directory containing simply addresses of members of the class. A brief outline biography of each '94 Law will be given, brought down to date, and the booklet will contain other features and data in which every classmate will be interested.

If we have not your present address, or if you have other additional information about yourself since you sent in your questionnaire, please forward it in at once.

## THE U. OF M. LAW SCHOOL OF TODAY

The Law School is, and always will be, the object of affection of every graduate whether he or she is practising law or not. As the continually improved facilities and opportunities in Ann Arbor are offered to the student seeking a law education, and brought to our attention, the "urge" is felt within many of us to join him and to begin all over again. Primitive as the methods of law teaching seem to have been in our day, they did not, in many instances, even fulfill their sole objective—the making of practitioners. Today the student is taught not only what the law is and how to practise it, but what forces so shaped it and what in human society are moulding it from

day to day. We are fortunate in having for the Law School as its captain and mentor the present dean, Professor Henry M. Bates.

## DR. LITTLE

The Law Class of '94 extends the glad hand of welcome to Dr. Little, the new president of the university. We want him to feel that we are with him, whole-heartedly and without reserve, in the great task that is before him.

In the face of the many demands upon his time he has given us at our request a message, published on the first page of this issue of The Bulletin, which reflects an intimate knowledge of the personal methods of education and, at the same time, a progressive spirit as to the real and essential objectives of a university training. That, of course, does, or should, embrace the law school arm of the university.

## LAW '94'S TO-WIT

By C. A. DENISON

In this work-a-day world in which we live it is well at times to relax and let our minds, in reverie, wander back to good old college days in Ann Arbor. We of the class of '94 Law left behind us many accomplishments that mark our class as one of Michigan's premier classes.

A serious effort, more or less, among others, was the attempt to establish for Michigan's law school a senior law annual. With To-Wit we entered a new field among college annuals, as the Yale Shingle was our only competitor. The law class of '95, our juniors, followed with its *Res Gestae*, and then the senior law class annual ceased to exist. You will recall how ardently classmates Babst, Kuhn, Sims, Scott (O. E.), Walters (H. C.) and others on the editorial staff, including the writer, who had the honor of being its first editor-in-chief, worked to bring out this successful annual, the first of its kind in the great West. No one can ever guess the time and thought that was given to the task. That we succeeded, under the many adverse circumstances and "persecutions" incident to every pioneer effort was sufficient compensation for our labors. It might be interesting to relate an episode that happened in connection with our troubles.

The Castalian was an annual pub-



lished by each succeeding senior class in the literary department, and the editors of the '94 edition did not look with kindly eyes upon our undertaking. One of the sensations of commencement time, ahead of the issue of the Castalian of that year, was the publication, by unknown parties some weeks ahead of the appearance of the Castalian, of what was known as its "grind" section proposed to be contained in the forthcoming '94 Castalian. Now that the statute of limitations has run, one of our seriously minded classmates could give a graphic description of a certain filibustering expedition into the dark recesses of a press room in Ann Arbor at the witching hour of midnight. At any rate, the Castalian "grinds" were secured "hot" off the press. Later these "grinds" were published by a committee well versed in such matters and thoroughly distributed throughout the student community and the campus, greatly to the discomfiture of the Castalian editors. The appeal to the sheriff, accompanied by a good sized offer of reward, failed to land the men who "swiped" the "grinds" in jail. Thus To-Wit was avenged upon the Castalian, a bloodless fight in which '94 law won over '94 lit.

Soon after this the Detroit Free Press came out in its Sunday edition with a full page of autobiographic write-ups and picture gallery of the editors of To-Wit. Who or what organization ever before or ever since has succeeded in talking the Free Press, a great metropolitan daily, out of a whole page of "personal advertising" without the payment of a single penny! Ask "Ed" Sims how that was done. But this sudden burst into fame and glory was not to be "all velvet" or without its bitter pills for us. Members of the class will probably recall with what acclaim (?) the editors were hailed whenever they entered the class rooms after the publication of these autobiographies of our young lives. The writer readily visualizes the scenes that followed, both in and outside of the law building, and even now can hear re-echoing through Michigan's classic halls, "Who discovered the Spruce Tree frauds?" Of course, the answer came back, by the class chorus, "Walters," for Sims had so written. Thus, in like manner, or much more, we all received our grilling, accepted pa-

tiently and good naturedly, but, nevertheless, with the feeling on our part that we had put one over, acting for our class and claiming no credit for ourselves.

#### CLASS ITEMS

Evan B. Goss, of Minot, N. D., is president of the North Dakota U. of M. Club.

F. E. Chamberlain, of Twin Falls, Idaho, returned from his trip to Europe. He visited his deceased wife's relatives in Mulhofen, and, incidentally, Paris, London, Ayr, the Burns country, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Brussels and many other points in the old country.

Vladimir A. Geringer, formerly Trade Commissioner of the U. S. at Prague, Czechoslovakia, is again managing editor of the Chicago Daily Svornost.

Robert L. Motley continues in practice in Bowling Green, Mo. He writes: "After seeing the photograph of the class members present at the 1924 reunion, was sorry indeed that I missed it."

William J. Landman has held no public office. He has practised law exclusively since graduation. He is a deacon of the Fountain Street Baptist Church of Grand Rapids, Mich., of which he has been a member for thirty-five years.

O. S. Larsen, of Duluth, Minn., addressed the U. of M. Club of Duluth on November 18, 1925, on the subject "The Relations of University Training to Public Affairs."

L. G. Nerreter sold out his real estate and insurance business in Saginaw, Mich., and removed to Bell, Cal., which is about five miles from Los Angeles.

John B. Newman, who is with the National Wholesale Grocers' Association, 8 Harrison Street, New York City, resides at 23 Harvard Street, East Orange, N. J.

George J. Genebach, of Battle Creek, Mich., attended the convention of the National Poultrymen's Association in New York City. His company manufactures wire poultry containers.



Harry L. Stearns, of Saginaw, Mich., entered his youngest daughter, Margaret, for matriculation as a student in the university. He drove to Ann Arbor and unintentionally exceeded the parking time limit there. Rentschler, our class photographer, got him out of the "clutches of the police."

Oreon E. Scott, of St. Louis, Mo., met his family in New York City upon their return from Europe, where they were sojourning during the summer and fall.

Earl D. Babst has been made chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Sugar Refining Company.

Thomas W. Day, of Detroit, is attorney for an airplane company that proposes to establish a regular air transportation line between Detroit and New York. He visited New York City in its interest.

Judge A. G. Burr, of Rugby, N. D., writes: "I am at the old stand, trying to dispense justice as it should be, and ready to return to the reunion in 1929, and up to 1954. After that I will see how things go and where I am."

Milton D. Bryce, of Chicago, is in the monument business in that city.

John F. Chambers is principal of the high school in Stanley, N. M.

Judge F. L. Anderson, of Marion, Iowa, before going on the bench was in practice in that city for many years. He accepted the judgeship at the unanimous request of the bar of his district.

Lucius J. Eastin, of St. Joseph, Mo., is a Past Grand Sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Dr. George D. Fairbanks, of Brownsville, Texas, is in active practice of medicine and public health work.

Jesse C. Foulks, who has been very active in the banking business for many years and during the late war served as auditor of the Red Cross in France, has retired from active business.

Luther Freeman, of Denver, Colo., is prominently active in fraternal societies. He is a 32nd degree Mason.

Cyrus W. George is in the general brokerage and investment business in Chicago.

Humphrey S. Gray, of Benton Harbor, Mich., is in practice in that city, largely in corporation work.

J. J. Harrington, of O'Neill, Neb., was elected twice to the District Court bench of Nebraska. He is now practising his profession in the above city.

Hyrum S. Harris now teaches seminary in Provo, Utah. Upon graduation from law school he settled and remained for many years in Mexico, where he ran a newspaper and became a high official in the Mormon Church. He went through some hectic experiences in Mexico, having been taken prisoner several times.

Nathan J. Harris, of Ogden, Utah, formerly judge of the Utah District Court, has nine children and seventeen grandchildren.

William J. Howard was a Special District Judge in Houston, Texas. He has been in general practice there for many years.

Jack Kirby, of Chicago, ever since graduation has been in the lumber business and is familiar with every branch of it. He served as mill operator, manager, broker and salesman, respectively, in nearly every lumber section in the country.

Dr. John A. Lentz, of Phoenix, Ariz., is past president of the Arizona Dental Society, Phoenix Dental Society and Arizona Board of Dental Examiners.

John W. Zuber, of Columbus, Ohio, has been president of the Columbus Tire & Rubber Company since 1920.

## THE UNIVERSITY'S BEGINNINGS

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struction in the Territory. In other words, it was planned upon the model of Hamilton's University of the State of New York, with characteristic Hellenistic nomenclature. It is fortunate that under this charter little was done and that after four years it was repealed.

\*From the Annual Report of the President of Columbia University, 1925.