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WHAT THEY ARE DOING AT THE LAW SCHOOL

By Prof. H. M. Bates, Dean

The Law School opened the present year with a registration of about 540, which is an increase of something like 11% in attendance over last year. The increase is the largest percentage of gain of any of the regular resident departments on the campus. This rate of gain has been going on for three or four years, and as it has taken place in spite of increasingly rigid administration of the entrance requirements and of higher standards in the school, I believe it may be taken as indicating a steady advancement of the reputation of the school, especially among those giving thoughtful attention to legal education.

Professor Edson R. Sunderland, who was in England all summer and during the first semester, studying English court procedure, returned with a great deal of valuable material and with very interesting impressions and views of the English courts. I need not say that, in general, he found British procedure far more simple, expeditious and satisfactory than ours. The great majority of English barristers seem to desire to try cases on the merits, and not to make a game of technique and wits of litigation; and the English judges, who are not cramped by foolish pseudo-democratic notions of popular control of technical matters, administer their courts with firm hands. Mr. Sunderland, however, did not think that the English Bar was superior in ability or learning to our Bar.

Professor E. B. Stason was added to the faculty this year. He brings a rather unique equipment into a law faculty, for he had not only his college training but also the full course at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and taught engineering in this University for three or four years. After completing his law course here, he went into practice with his father in Iowa. His engineering training will put him in

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WHERE DID YOU GET YOUR THESIS?

By Hon. A. J. Tuttle

During our law school days, one of the things the boys always talked about was where they kept the theses of the preceding senior classes. Classmates will remember that one of the requirements for graduation was the writing of a thesis on some particular law subject. It was generally understood that the faculty guarded these musty documents with care so that no one could ever find them. The reason for this, according to general understanding, was that if they were accessible the members of the particular senior class that was about to be graduated might copy and use what had been produced by their predecessors. This discussion of the secret hiding place was such a common one that another law student and I decided that we would become private detectives for the purpose of securing evidence and solving the problem. In any event, we had a bunch of old keys and we remained in the building until it was locked up for the night. Then with a pocket full of matches we began our search through the building, going into all the drawers and desks, store rooms, and cubby-holes we could locate. Finally, we got into a big cabinet up on the second floor and there, lo and behold, we found them, in ranks like stove wood out on the farm. All we wanted was the evidence, so we closed the door and left the theses where we found them.

Having secured the information and evidence, we had no use for it. To make public our success might raise us in the estimation of the faculty as detectives; but it would not help us any in securing our diplomas. For my part, I never peeked back in the cabinet again, and I worked laboriously to grind out a thesis on the subject of "Dower" with such meagre thoughts as I could get out of my brain and suggestions from out of the leather

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

The re-union season is at hand. June, a year ago, marked the occasion of our great 30th year re-union. It is a past event, but the memories left behind will ever be fresh. Who does not glory in its remembrance? Our Junior Laws, L'95, are making ready for their 30th anniversary re-union this year, and they have our sincerest wishes.

There is much visiting and correspondence going on among classmates. We hear of it all the time. Not only the old friends, but also those who barely remembered one another, many only by name, since the reunion have recovered or found the priceless gem of friendship.

Ye editor was asked the other day, in the street, "When is our next—1929?" And when so assured, the '94 Law with a sigh replied, "Oh, well, that is not so far away." Everybody get ready for the 35th year reunion now! Plan! Save!

This issue of the Bulletin contains contributions by two of the busiest of men. They illustrate the old story that it is the busy man who never says "I have not the time," when called upon to do the worthy things that do not bring a monetary return. Thanks to you, Law '94's friend, Dean Bates, and to you, classmate Judge Tuttle!

DR. BURTON

The late President of the University, Dr. Marion L. Burton, whose death on February 18th, 1925, and obituary, were published in the public press, was a sincere friend of our class. We joined the legion of sympathizers in sending the class's condolences to his widow and family. Though not President while we were in the Law School, he learned to know and like us. He was always interested in reading the Bulletin, and was one of its contributors (see Bulletin No. 14). At the last reunion he honored us with his presence and a happy speech of welcome.

WESTWARD HO!

Los Angeles, including its suburbs, now out-ranks any city in point of numbers of resident classmates. Fifteen make their homes there now. Besides the above, two reside in San Diego, three in San Francisco, one in Eureka, one in Vallejo and one in Hermosa Beach, California, making in all twenty-three who have located in the "State of opportunity and sunshine."

Classmate Walter C. Hartman, who has most recently removed to California, is hereby designated deputy secretary for California. Put yourself in touch with him, and you California '94 Laws, at least those in and about Los Angeles, get together periodically, and meet in truly Law '94 fashion!

The following are the addresses of California classmates: Ashton, F. W., c/o Janss Investm. Co., 404 Metropolitan Bldg., Los Angeles; Carr, E. C., Vallejo; Friend, Benj. F., 941 So. Maple Avenue, Los Angeles; Cochran, Fred J., Los Angeles; Ferguson, Raymond M., 117 N. Broadway, Glendale; Gordon, Clifton D., Chamber of Commerce, Montebello; Halverson, George, 1022 Citizens Nat. Bank Building, Los Angeles; Hartman, Walter C., 329 Van Nuys Bldg., Los Angeles; Hervey, W. Rhodes, c/o Pacific-Southwest Trust & Sav. Bank, Los Angeles; Mattingly, Charles H., 206 So. Spring Street, Los Angeles; Powell, Vanvoorhis A., 1158 Manhattan Ave., Hermosa Beach; Rector, Charles H., 221 Bunker Hill Avenue, Los Angeles; Rockhold, Frank A., 238 Van Ness Avenue, Los Angeles; Root, Hugh E., 2559 Hill Drive, Eagle Rock; Yartin, Harry L., c/o South, Calif. Telephone Co., Los Angeles; Chatterton, Leslie H., 512 Serrano Ave., Los Angeles.

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strong position to specialize in some of the branches of the law which have to do with public engineering projects, chiefly, of course, in the general field of public utilities.

Professor Goddard, who has written some of the most valuable contributions on the subject of valuations and rate-making in this field, continues to be in charge of that work; but he will be aided during the summer sessions and his work will be supplemented, as we develop graduate work, by Professor Stason.

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Professor Wilgus, who was quite ill last year, is absent on leave. He spent a pleasant winter in southern France and reports greatly improved health.

We have completed a very careful revision and marked expansion of our graduate work in law. In general this work will be of two kinds:

1st. We have planned what may be in general described as continuation of the undergraduate course into fields of study which the student has not been able to take during those three years. This type of work is planned chiefly for the man who simply wants to extend his legal education and to specialize in some field for the purpose of practice. The degree conferred is that of Master of Laws.

2nd. We find an increasing demand for advanced work for young law teachers, lawyers, and recent graduates who wish to go into legal scholarship and law teaching, or the teaching of political science, as a career. For this class of students we have planned a course of study of one year in residence and at least one other year, either in residence or *in absentia*. The student entering upon this plan is expected to take his work in a very few fields of advanced and intensive study of some important topic in the law. During the year of residence study the student is expected to select a subject for a thesis and lay out his general plan for the paper, but it is expected that the writing of the paper would occupy another year, either on the ground or *in absentia*. Upon the satisfactory completion of the residence study and the production of a satisfactory thesis or dissertation, the student would receive the degree of S. J. D. (Doctor of the Science of Law.)

The year was further marked by the opening of the splendid buildings of the Lawyers' Club, given by Mr. W. W. Cook, arts 1880, law 1882, of the New York Bar. The gift is one of the most generous in the history of legal education and the Lawyers' Club buildings are certainly among the most beautiful structures of the kind in the world.

Ultimately, there will be more residence halls for students, and, above all, a new Law School building and library, all in the quadrangle of which the present Lawyers' Club forms a part.

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covered books in the law library. I am sure my "pal" prepared his thesis by the same laborious method. It was, however, too good a story to keep absolutely secret, and I told my brothers down at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house what had happened.

I never heard anything more about it, and I suppose I never thought about it, until in 1899, when I was Prosecuting Attorney of Ingham County, and when it became my duty to prosecute a very large number of state officials who were friends of a very high official in the state. They were all members of my own political party; but I conceived it to be my duty to prosecute them vigorously and the final result was that they were convicted. The prosecutions were resented by the very high official above referred to and he made many attacks upon the trial judge and myself, and, officially, attempted to tell the story of the theses against me. I supposed the story had been completely forgotten and that no one knew anything about it. But, instead of being forgotten, it had evidently been traveling all of the time and growing a little bit with each telling. In any event, as the very high state official told it, it was a story worth while. In substance, he said that when I was in college I found the secret hiding place where the theses of the senior classes were kept, that I stole the whole outfit, had copies made, and paid my way through college by selling them to my classmates. It was such a ridiculous story that, of course, no one believed it. I think I enjoyed the joke of the thing more than any one else. Inasmuch as no one believed it, I have never had occasion to deny it, but now when I am asked for a true story about my law school days, I feel in honor bound to tell the truth about it, even though it does spoil the joke and spoil the story.

I did some other and worse things than that, and, maybe, when a few more years have passed I shall be willing to make further disclosures.

The room in which we held our reunion last spring, the unpanelled library of the Union, has been completed and elegantly furnished, and is now known as the Waldo Pendleton Reading Room.

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Classmate Bertram Shane died on December 2nd, 1924, at Warsaw, Indiana, at the age of 52 years. Two or three weeks before his death, up to which time he enjoyed the best of health, he and some friends went hunting, and while going through some brush, he injured his foot. Infection set in, and septic poisoning followed, which finally resulted fatally.

Shane was born and attended High School in Warsaw, and engaged in mercantile pursuits before entering Law School. Upon graduation he returned to Warsaw and became associated with Congressman Royce, and when the latter was raised to the Bench continued in practice alone until the time of his death. He served successively as City Attorney, School City Attorney, County Attorney and member of the City and County Republican Committees, for many years in each office. His widow and two daughters survive him. He was always interested in our class organization and attended our Quarter Century Re-union.

Classmate Edward Burgoyne Baker died on February 2nd, 1925, in Tucson, Ariz., where he and his family were spending the winter for his health, at the age of 53 years.

Upon graduating from Law School he was engaged in newspaper work, in Leavenworth, Kas., Kansas City, Denver and New York. He was engaged for a time in practice with his father, who was a U. S. Senator from Kansas. For twelve years, until his death, Baker was in the farm loan business in Alamosa, Colorado. He is survived by his wife and one child, a son, 24 years old. He met Mrs. Baker while both he and she were on the editorial staff of the New York Evening Post. He is buried in Denver, Colo.

Classmate Charles C. Parker died on January 15th, 1925, in Durant, Oklahoma, at the age of 52 years. He was found in his room in a dying condition. He had been in ill health for some time, but when he retired the night before the morning of his death he was in a cheerful mood, and had been about in his business as usual during the day. He specialized as a title lawyer, in Durant.

Upon graduation, Parker was located in St. Louis for two years and then in California where he became interested in gold mining as a side

issue while practicing his profession there. After that he served for three years as U. S. Commissioner for the Eastern District of Indian territory, which afterward became Oklahoma. He was survived by his mother. His wife died several years ago.

Classmate Elmer S. Avery died suddenly in Lansing, Michigan, on July 8th, 1924.

Before entering Law School, Avery had been admitted to practice and was engaged in his profession for six years, in Michigan and Montana. He had taken his Junior year in the Law School in 1886, and entered with our class in 1893. After graduation he practised in Mason, Michigan, and then removed to Lansing, where he was active in civic affairs and in practice until his death.

ITEMS

Daniel H. Grady of Portage, Wis., is one of Regents of the University of Wisconsin. He has not for that reason, however, ceased to be an enthusiastic Law '94. Wisconsin, as well as Michigan, is without a president at the present time.

Judge J. C. Travis, now Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana, administered the oath of office to classmate Emma Eaton White, on the occasion of her induction into office as Reporter of Decisions of Indiana, to which office she was elected last November. She is the first woman to hold an elective office in the state.

Charles W. Chapman, who met with serious injuries in an automobile accident, has entirely recovered. His permanent address is c/o H. D. Chapman, Royal Oak, Mich.

F. L. Chamberlain's wife died on February 16th, 1925. He is now on the ocean, on his way to Germany, to visit relatives of his wife. Chamberlain, on his journey east to board ship, visited classmate Landman, in Grand Rapids; Joe E. Parker, in Frankfort, Mich.; Genebach in Battle Creek; Schall, in Chicago; Hollander, in Kalamazoo; Kuhn, Day and Tuttle, in Detroit; Hassinger, in Abingdon, Va., and Cleaveland, Fabst, Wollman and Webber in New York City. He reports them all prosperous, healthy and happy.

S. C. Spitzer has been made General Counsel, as well as Vice President of the Chicago Title and Trust Company.