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THE UNIVERSITY.

THE NEW LAW BUILDING.

At the last meeting of the Board of Regents an important action was taken. Plans for enlarging and improving the law building were adopted, involving an expenditure of some \$50,000. During the past few years the number of students has increased until we have now about seven hundred in attendance—the largest law school in the country. The course of instruction has been graded and three years study here, unless a student enters on advanced standing, are required for a degree. Formerly instruction was given by lectures; now most of the instruction is given through text-books and the case system. This increase in the number of students and the changes in methods of instruction demand more lecture rooms and more recitation rooms. The Regents have very wisely recognized this demand. More than all, the munificent gift of Mr. Buhl of \$10,000 to be expended in the purchase of books to complete our law library has given us property of great value, but there is no convenient or safe place to put it.

The plans approved by the Regents involve the following leading changes: The tower on the northwest corner of the building is to be taken down and a new roof placed over the entire building; on the south end of the building a large addition is to be made; the present entrance will be changed and the "conservatory" in front will pass from view. Stone work is to be placed about the first story of the entire building and the exterior from top to bottom so changed that the present patchwork appearance will no longer offend the public. When completed the building will be architecturally a credit to the campus.

The changes to be made in the interior may interest our alumni.

The old lecture room, made famous by such names as Cooley, Campbell, Kent and Walker, is to be preserved intact. The present law library, where the general library was once located, will be converted into a lecture room and the library removed to the second story of the new addition. This addition is to be made fireproof. Two extra lecture rooms, of sufficient size to hold a class of three hundred students, several recitation rooms, offices for professors and a consultation room for students are provided for. When completed the building will be one of the best law buildings in the country. Work on it is to be commenced about the 1st of April and it is expected to be finished next October.

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