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## NEWS OF THE LAW SCHOOL

Of special interest to the Law School and to our readers since the appearance of the last number of this Review is the publication in March by the West Publishing Company of a book entitled the Law of Wills by Professor Thomas E. Atkinson of the Law Faculty. The book treats not only the topics commonly associated with the subject of wills but also the principles of intestate succession and of the administration of decedents' estates. Intended primarily for the use of law students, it is also a practical handbook for practitioners. Some of the more unusual features of the book are the

analysis of the use of non-testamentary devices in place of wills, a discussion of the ways and means of avoiding or shortening the official administration of estates, and practical suggestions as to the drafting and execution of wills. The work contains 916 pages and there are citations to upward of 8,000 American and English cases, as well as to the periodical literature in the field. This volume will, no doubt, receive a cordial welcome from the practicing and teaching professions. It will be fully reviewed in an early number of this Review.

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Recently the West Publishing Company has also released a second edition of Ballantine's Problems in Law, a book for the use of students preparing for bar and law school examinations. Typical questions in the several legal subjects are set forth by various professors of law, and suggested answers given with citations of cases and law review materials. It is interesting to notice that while most of the work of these contributors had been completed before the appearance of the new Missouri Law Review, there are several citations to its leading articles and notes. Professor Atkinson of the Law School Faculty contributed the materials upon Pleading under Modern Codes, and former Dean J. P. McBaine contributed those on the problems on Common Law Pleading.

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April 17 was recently designated as Law School Day by the Board of Curators, and the day was devoted to various activities of special interest to students and alumni of the Law School. Invitations to visit the School on that day, and a special alumni letter recounting the progress and activity of the School, were sent to the some 1600 former students of the School. They went to every state in the Union, and to many foreign countries, including Australia, Canada, China, Japan, Panama, Philippine Islands, Porto Rico, and Venezeula. Guests of honor invited were the Governor of the State, the Presidents of the University, the Missouri State Bar, and the Law School Foundation, the honorary initiate into the Order of the Coif, the members of the Supreme Court and the Courts of Appeals, and the Judges of the United States Courts. Hundreds of replies were received from all parts of the country, including replies from members of the classes of 1878, 1880, 1881, 1885, 1887, 1888, 1892, 1897, 1898, 1899, and 1900. The various meetings held during the day were enthusiastically attended by a large number of lawyers, judges, and students.

During the forenoon, addresses were delivered to the students by the president of the Law Alumni Association, Mr. Wallace Fry, of the Mexico Bar, and Mr. Earl F. Nelson. Trustees of the Law School Foundation met in the early afternoon. At this meeting, Mr. Nelson was reelected President, Mrs. Owen H. Price was elected Assistant Secretary; and Mr. Allen Oliver of Cape Girardeau and General John T. Barker of Kansas City, an honorary member of the University of Missouri Alumni Association and of the Law Alumni Association, were elected trustees to serve for three years.

At four o'clock in the afternoon, Mr. Boyle G. Clark, former President of the Missouri State Bar, and now General Chairman of the Bar Committees, was initiated into the Order of the Coif as an honorary member. He was presented by Mr. Cyrus Crane, last year's honorary initiate. Also, three students from the Senior law class were initiated, Alden A. Stockard of Jefferson City, Robert A. Winger of Kansas City, and Sesco V. Tipton of Hume. Professor McCleary of the Law Faculty, the President of the Order, conducted the initiation.

The thirty-seventh annual banquet held during the evening was an outstanding success. The attendance was unusually large. Visiting alumni were accorded a hearty welcome, and a happy and inspiring sentiment prevailed. Robert A. Winger, President of the Law School Student Body, served as toastmaster. Brilliant and greatly appreciated addresses were made by Mr. Clark and Mr. Kenneth Teasdale, President of the Missouri Bar Association, the principal speakers at the banquet. Brief addresses were made by Samuel H. Liberman, a Trustee of the Law School Foundation, and Russell R. Casteel, representing the class of 1927. This was the tenth anniversary reunion of the class of 1927. Mr. Richmond C. Coburn, President of the University of Missouri Alumni Association, presented to Mr. Nelson in behalf of the Association a citation for distinguished service to the University. Mr. Nelson responded with a brief address. Student speakers were, Warner G. Maupin, Mexico, of the Senior class, Donald H. Chisholm, Kansas City, of the Junior class, and Russell S. Noblet, Maryville, of the Freshman class.

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In March, the Law School Foundation gave a banquet in honor of the student members of the Editorial Board of this Review. Mr. Louis V. Stigall, a trustee, served as toastmaster. Gold keys were presented to the students on behalf of the Foundation by its President, Mr. Earl Nelson. Other addresses were made by President Middlebush, Judge Laurance M. Hyde,

of the Supreme Court, and Messrs. R. B. Caldwell of Kansas City, and R. L. Hill of the University. Student speakers were Robert A. Winger, representing the class of 1937, and William W. Van Matre, the class of 1938. A large number of guests were present, including the President of the University, the divisional Deans, the Law Faculty, the Trustees of the Law School Foundation, and their wives, and many others. This is the third banquet given in honor of those students whose contributions to this Review are proving to be one of its most useful and valuable departments. These banquets are greatly appreciated: they bring together a variety of interests and afford a unique opportunity for the meeting of alumni, students, and teachers.

The Foundation is active in behalf of the Law School in many other ways. Among other things, it financed the recent alumni letter, already referred to, sent out to all former students of the School. Many replies were received to this letter, which has had the effect of renewing the interest of many alumni in their alma mater.

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The Law Faculty were invited to attend the annual banquet of the St. Joseph Bar held in that city on April 10. Messrs. Howard, McCleary, and Overstreet attended.

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Professor Latty has accepted an invitation to teach in the summer session of George Washington University Law School.