

## CURRENT COMMENT.

There is a growing impression among the members of the bar association of the state that the University, the educational centre of the state, should have a law department. We are glad also to note that much interest is being manifested by the friends of our school everywhere respecting the establishment of such a department. Our University stands almost alone among the other universities of this land in not having a law department. The importance of a more systematic study and thorough instruction in the science of law is becoming more and more necessary every day. As civilization continues in its onward march and society interests become more and more complex, the necessity for a more accurate knowledge of the law, a greater familiarity with its principles and a higher standard of practice on the part of those setting themselves up as lawyers is absolutely necessary. Moreover, to understand the fundamental principles of constitutional liberty and to have a general understanding of the governments adopted by the nations of this earth is the duty of every American citizen claiming a liberal education. We want a department here that will supply in some measure at least this present demand for a more thorough knowledge of the law, a more correct view of its dignity as a science and a broader comprehension of constitutional liberty. We believe the establishment of a law department here would result in incalculable good. There would be a place for the bar association to meet and exchange ideas. There would be a tendency to raise the profession to a higher and nobler place among the other professions than is today conceded to it. If such a department could be established it would tend to bring the University in closer connection with the state. It would keep the hundred or more students that leave this state every year for eastern law schools at home, and our University would receive part of the praise, at least that which is now showered upon eastern schools. The legislature could make no appropriation that would benefit the whole state so much as would an appropriation for the establishment of a law department here, and every student should do what he can toward accomplishing this end. The bar association of this city have given us assurance of doing their part, and with so many interested, and concerted action there ought not to be any difficulty in providing for a law department here that would be the pride of the University and a credit to the state.

## FOUR BOOKS LEARNED IN ONE READING.

A year's work done in ten days. From the Chaplin of Exeter College, and Houghton Syriac Prizeman, Oxford.

Coll. Exon., September, 1888.

Dear Sir:—In April, 1885, while thinking of taking orders in September, I suddenly received notice that my ordination examination would take place in a fortnight. I had only ten (10) days in which to prepare for the exam. I should recommend a year's preparation in the case of one so utterly unprepared as I was; but your system had so strengthened my natural memory, that I was able to remember and give the gist of any book after reading it once. I therefore read Lightfoot, Proctor, Harold Browne, Mosheim, &c., &c., and was successful in every one of the nine papers. The present Bishop of Edinburgh knows the facts. Faithfully yours, [Rev.] JAMES MIDDLETON MACDONALD, [M. A.]

To Prof. A. Loissette, 237 Fifth Ave., N. Y.

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## STRAY PICK-UPS.

Senatus physicsque penniflippus.

T. F. A. Williams has returned to school.

Dress parade on a certain Friday was rather cold.

We hope that the political feelings of the University will now cease "quacking."

The Union society nearly blew away one Friday night. The cause was Freshman wind.

W. J. Taylor has been quite ill for some time past. He is now, however, around again.

Mr. Frankforter has been quite ill with an attack of typhoid fever. He is now mending.

The artillery detachment fired a salute of twenty-one guns in honor of our next president.

Russell and a co-ed are hard at work preparing a treatise on the possibility of man having a soul.

Miss Pennock, '88, made us a few days visit not long since. We hope she enjoyed visiting her alma mater.

Professor—"Mr. Tingley, how much have you read in Lyell." Mr. T—"About 250 pages. Professor—"What does he say."

W. W. Robertson has quit school because of ill health. His department on THE HESPERIAN will soon be filled by a new editor.

Say, Bigelow, come down and explain why you so often paint yourself red and then rush up into the chemical lab. after ammonia.

The long expected Union piano has, at last, put in an appearance and will hereafter flood the west end of the third floor with music.

The University band is rolling in wealth. During the campaign they played for the prohibitionists on November 6, and in the republican jubilee.

Crosby had a tiff with Professor Hodgeman, resulting in Crosby's suspension from school. At the present writing, however, all is peace in Warsaw.

Professor Edgren again took charge of his classes last Monday. His six weeks sickness leaves him rather weak. We hope soon to see him restored to his former vigor.

Palmer did not get enough rally Friday night and went to Plattsburgh, Saturday night, to yell some more. So far as we have heard he is still living, though of course the case is critical.

The students took a straw vote Nov., with the following result—Harrison, 120; Fisk, 71; Cleveland, 34. The girls seemed about equally divided between Harrison and Fisk. Poor Grover.

The parts of Alvin Barry and Violet Knickerbocker, in "Little Tycoon," which a number of students saw on the 7th inst. reminded us of a certain couple here in school. Names need not be mentioned.

The meteorological instruments have been transferred from the top of the east attic to the top of the cupola, where the conditions of the atmosphere are more uniform and are not influenced by the furnace.

The public library is now free for all. All that is necessary is to obtain the guarantee of some business man or property holder. The library contains many standard books not found in the University library, and students should avail themselves of it.