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History of the Law Class

THERE is a tradition, grown honored, if not honorable, by much use and old age, that whenever a student finds his mental calibre too limited to allow his continuance in the Freshman Class, he naturally drops into the Law School. I say tradition, and such it is, for even as far back as "time from which the memory of man runneth not," no one, not even the oldest inhabitant, ever heard of such a proceeding. The knowledge of this fact led our illustrious predecessors in legal learning to hold their heads none the less proudly—and to pawn their books none the less freely—when circumstances demanded. But it was left for the immortal Law Class of '88 to demonstrate forever the fallacy of the tradition, for, in that class, a struggling disciple of Blackstone made several wild efforts to retain his position, sank beneath the surface, and turned up serenely and smiling in the Senior Class, from the foremost ranks of which he now turns envious but respectful eyes in our direction.

The Law Class of '88 entered the University at the opening of the session with eleven men, but the number was soon increased to twenty-one.

This was the first class required to stand examinations on every subject touched upon, from Blackstone to the Code. That they acquitted themselves creditably, the flattering remarks of the rofessors and the faultless condition of their papers testify.

We do not like to poach upon the preserves of the Academic Department historians by boasting of our superior merits, but will allow a few facts to speak for themselves.

The forensic ability of our members may be seen by a look

at the Literary Society records. The fact that the challenge of our class to the University, and to the colleges of the State, to put forth a man to meet our representatives in athletic contests, speaks for itself in regard to our physical culture.

In Literature we have the lion's share of honor. Among the important literary positions filled by members of the Law Class of '88 are President of the Philosophic Society, Editor in Chief of the Pandora, and Editor in Chief of the Reporter.

While we have no "howling swells" in our class, the social position of its members compares favorably with that of any class in College.

In our ranks is found the President of the Athletic Association, and in the rooms of our men may be found a large portion of the prizes given for Athletic contests on Field-day.

But inasmuch as we regard with the greatest pleasure the kindly relations of the Academic and Special Departments, and having no desire either to discourage those in pursuit of other studies, or to throng our legal halls with applicants for admission, we will do what no lawyer "ever dared to do before;" we will suppress the remainder of this truthful statement. "The half has never been told." Were I to write the plain, unvarnished truth, "the whole truth and nothing but the truth," students of medicine would leave their books, clerks of all would enter the grand race for supremacy in the legal commerce their counters, and mechanics their benches, and fraternity.

As we have great regard for "the eternal fitness of things," we hesitate to disturb the well conceived balance of the universe, and with modest endeavors continue our earnest efforts in search of knowledge, always remembering that

> "'Tis not for mortals to command success,
> But we'll do more, my brothers;
> We'll deserve it"

HISTORIAN, LEGIA CLASSIS.

LAWYER

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BARTOW B. JOHNSON.....Florida
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