

LAW SCHOOL ADDRESS

Hon. George Rountree speaks on "The Growth of Law."

The annual address before the Law School of the University was delivered last Friday night in Gerrard Hall, by Hon. George Rountree of Wilmington, one of the State's foremost lawyers and useful citizens. The subject was the "Growth of Law" and the address was a masterly one. Dr. Alderman introduced Mr. Rountree saying that he was a fine type of the scholar-lawyer and a friend of the University. Mr. Rountree, gracefully acknowledged Dr. Alderman's introduction. After making an elaborate sketch of our legal development, the speaker deduced from that history two facts. First, that we owe more of our laws to actions of our judges than to legislation; second, that frequently questions arise which can be solved only by study of the law.

Many questions must be decided by considerations of public policy and practical utility. Law is a living organism, constantly growing and expanding and administering justice between man and man. The great body of the Law is founded upon moral principles and is hence necessarily expansive.

Mr. Rountree dwelt at length upon this expansiveness, and the power of intelligent growth of the common law.

He expressed a hope that a sentiment which will turn lynch law is coming to prevail. Finally he declared that law is the worthiest of all secular callings, offering an opportunity for vindication of human rights and redressing human wrongs.

The whole address was an able and lucid expression of a great subject and proved very enjoyable and instructive to the large audience present.

On the rostrum with Mr. Rountree, were Dr. Alderman, President of the University, Judge McRae of the Law School and Mr. Robt. W. Boyd, President of the Law Class. The members of the Law School occupied the front row of seats.

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Mr. John Donnelly '99 returned home Monday morning after spending several days visiting friends in college.

J. C. Biggs '93 of Durham spent Monday evening on the Hill.

Mr. W. H. Gibson ex-'01 who has been visiting friends here returned to his home in Concord Monday afternoon.

Shakespeare Club.

The last meeting, for this year, of the University Shakespeare Club proved an unusually entertaining and profitable one. It was held Tuesday night in Gerrard Hall and was presided over by the president, Dr. Hume.

All of the papers were really valuable ones and the meeting proved very profitable to all. Dr. Hume made a few helpful remarks and suggestions at the end of each paper.

The meeting was concluded with a short paper read by Dr. Hume, written by special request, on "The Evil Eye." He used as a text the 25th section of Beowulf, the Saxon Epic, comparing it with Virgil's 3rd Eclogue and Plutarch's Banquet, with Paul's allusions in Galatians and referring to the prevalence of charms against the malignant spell of the eye in Naples, in China, mentioning other considerations to prove that it is one of the oldest and most universal superstitions.

The meeting closed, Dr. Hume said, the Shakespeare Club this year.

The Shakespeare Club has a vigorous life. It adheres to the well tried plan of opening its programme to contributions from non-dramatic literature that throw light on persons and situations in the drama itself. The papers this session have as a rule, been of high merit. Those of the closing meeting were marked by accurate thought, many original points and literary charm and finish.

The President has just learned that on account of getting a substitute in his work in Biltmore, Rev. Dr. Swope will not be able to be here next week as preacher to the University. This is a great disappointment to all.

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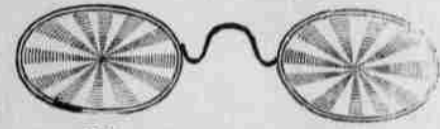
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