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### EDITORIALS

**COLLEGE OF LAW REGISTRATION—RAISING REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRANCE.**—One hundred and sixty-one law students were registered in the College of Law the first semester of this year which is the largest enrollment in the history of the school. We believe that the time has arrived when the law school should put itself on a graduate basis. There are two distinct points of view in legal education. One is that the uneducated man should have an equal opportunity with the educated to practice law. Often an uneducated lawyer makes more money because of a certain native shrewdness which the educated man sometimes lacks. This fact is generally cited as a justification of that point of view. Some people even think that an uneducated Bar aids the ideal of democracy. Hence, it has been said that the law is the only learned profession for admission to which no learning was required.

With this point of view, we register a dissent. There is no particular object in spending taxpayers' money to produce greater quantities of lawyers. The need for quantity in this direction disappeared about two hundred years ago.

Instead of quantity production of lawyers, there is a greater need for education and background in the profession. Men who fill this requirement may or may not be able to make more money than those trained in some inferior school who are not acquainted