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son West Virginia was unable to keep him. It is to be hoped that sometime in the future the College of Law will be able to afford additional assistance to its teaching staff so that a scholar engaged in research may find greater opportunity for such work.

Dean Madden's place has been taken by Thurman W. Arnold who comes from Laramie, Wyoming. Mr. Arnold is a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School. Prior to the war he practiced law in Chicago, which practice he left for service in the army. After the war he was an active member of the bar of the State of Wyoming and a lecturer in law at the University of Wyoming.

Last May Mr. Kenneth E. Michael, the Librarian of the College of Law, resigned to go into practice. The editorial staff desires to express its appreciation of Mr. Michael's competent work as Librarian and wish him the success to which he is entitled in the practice. Mr. Michael's place was filled in the summer by Mr. Charles P. Wilhelm, who has entered the practice of law at Kingwood.

In August Mr. Clyde H. Hall was appointed Librarian of the College of Law. Mr. Hall has an A.B. degree from West Virginia University and has completed the course offered by this law school. He has had experience in library work at the University Library. The College of Law is fortunate in obtaining his services.

College of Law.—The opening registration of the College of Law was one hundred fifty-eight, an increase of two over the year 1926-27. This increase is actually greater than appears on the face. Under Dean Madden's administration two additional requirements had been voted by the faculty, both of which went into effect for the first time this year. The first one required an average of "C" for all pre-legal students who had only two years of college training. The second additional requirement was to the effect that each pre-legal student must have sixty-four hours without conditions. Previous to this year a student could enter with sixty hours of college credit provided he made up the additional four hours in the first year of school. Judging from the statistics of last year there were about twenty-two stu-
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dents who entered the first year class a year ago who could not have met these additional requirements. Had it not been for the increase in requirements, it is probable that the school would have increased something over twenty students. The normal growth therefore, appears to have more than taken care of the loss which would have been caused by these additional requirements.

The object of the requirements is to eliminate at the beginning those students who in the past have been eliminated by failure at the end of the first semester. In the past out of a first year class of seventy to seventy-five there has been an average of twenty-five who have been dropped because of their inability to meet the standards of scholarship. It is hoped that by requiring an average of at least "C" to enter, the proportion of those who have to be dropped will be decreased.

It is interesting to note that the number of students who are taking the combined law degree and A.B. degree in six years has more than doubled this year. Last year there were six Arts and Science seniors in the first year class and this year there are thirteen. While the numbers are still small the percentage of increase is very encouraging.

THE WEST VIRGINIA LAW QUARTERLY.—At the commence-
ment of a new year we think it is not out of place to again define what the editors conceive to be the functions of a state law quarterly. In the first place we are not ambitious to imitate the Harvard Law Review or other law reviews which attempt a national scope. We believe that our field is local and if our magazine is to have a general interest it will be among those who are interested in determining just what the West Virginia attitude is on legal questions. It is our ambition in time to make our volumes the first reference work where anyone would turn for a discussion of West Virginia law. This does not mean that our articles will confine themselves entirely to West Virginia law where an able article is sent in dealing with subjects of more general application. Nevertheless, our principle aim shall be to discuss legal questions from a West Virginia point of view. This will be particularly brought out in notes on recent cases and comment. We hope to increase the number