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EDITORIALS

COLLEGE OF LAW—RESEARCH.—A question which confronts every state law school today is whether it should be content to be a mere trade school for the training of practitioners, or whether it does not have an important function in the development of the law as a social and economic science. A trade school is certainly a highly respectable institution. But it contributes little toward the development of the science which it teaches. Nor can it assume any leadership in its field. From the very nature of its function as a trade school it lacks opportunity for real distinction. Certainly the idea of a state university goes beyond that of mere practical training without in any way minimizing the importance of that training. In an industrialized state like West Virginia it can scarcely be questioned that research and publication of results on legal problems is fully as important as research on agricultural problems. Yet schools of agriculture are positively cluttered up with research specialists of various kinds until the problem of even finding offices for them becomes pressing. State law