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THE COLLEGE OF LAW.—The College of Law opened its session of 1925-1926 with a registration of 136, or an increase of 17 over that of the preceding year. Only 5 students are registered as special students, all the others having completed the prescribed pre-legal college study necessary for the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Although this year's registration was the last in which special students could be admitted, only a few applications for such admission were received, which seems to prove that the new standard for admission to the bar, announced by the Supreme Court of Appeals to take effect in 1928, is accepted by all those interested in the matter, as a proper minimum standard of preparation for the practice of law.

The vacancy in the faculty caused by the death of Professor James Russell Trotter, which is commented upon elsewhere in these pages, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Everett Lewis Dodrill as Instructor in Law for the current year. Mr. Dodrill secured the A. B. degree from this University in 1922, and the LL. B. degree from this Law School in 1924. He made an excellent record in his law studies, being Chairman of the Board of Student Editors of the West Virginia Law Quarterly during his senior year. He spent the year 1924-25 in graduate study at the Harvard Law School, where he secured the degree of Master of Laws.

Mr. Benjamin G. Reeder, A. B. 1921, LL. B. 1923, who was Librarian of the College of Law for two years, resigned in August of this year to enter the practice of law with the firm of Cox and Baker, in Morgantown. The important task of establishing the library in the new building was ably done by Mr. Reeder. Substantial additions to the library also took place during his incumbency, so that it now contains approximately 18,000 volumes. Mr. Kenneth Estabrooke Michael, LL. B. 1925, has been appointed Librarian.

An opportunity to gain valuable experience in briefing and arguing questions of law is afforded the law students by the establishment, by the students themselves, of four Club Courts. Perhaps in no other way can a lawyer-like attitude of mind toward legal study be so early acquired by law students, as by participating in this work, which is made available to every student in the Law School. For the encouragement of this work, Mr. George C. Baker, A. B. 1883, LL. B. 1886, of the Morgantown bar, has presented a handsome cup, custody of which is to be awarded annually to the Club Court making the best record for the year. Mr. John E. Wood, a law student of the class of 1927, has been appointed student assistant in charge of the Club Courts for the current year.