

An Appreciation

practiced law in Illinois for one year and was then elected Assistant Professor of Law, and, in 1918, Professor of Law at Ohio State University, where he continued until elected here. Mr. Madden prepared, and published in 1921, a revised edition of Whittaker's Annotated Civil Code of Ohio. He was also engaged, during the years 1918-1921, in the practice of law in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Edmund C. Dickinson has been elected Professor of Law and is giving the courses in Torts, Contracts, and Negotiable Instruments. Mr. Dickinson was graduated from Earlham College in 1903, and from the University of Michigan with the degree of J. D. in 1911. He was Professor of Law, University of Florida, 1911-'13, University of Alabama, 1913-'20, and Vanderbilt University, 1920-'21. He taught in the University of Michigan the Summer Term of 1920 and again in 1921.

Mr. Clifford R. Snider has been elected Associate Professor of Law. He is giving the courses in Constitutional Law and Equity I, and is Editor-in-Charge of the LAW QUARTERLY. Mr. Snider received his A. B. degree in 1914 and LL. B. in 1917 from West Virginia University. On his graduation in law he was given the "Cyc" prize for highest average scholarship in the College of Law from 1914-1917. He was also awarded the "Corpus Juris" scholarship for graduate study. He began his graduate work at Harvard in 1917, but soon dropped out to enter the United States Naval Reserve Force. At the close of the war he returned to Harvard and was graduated with the degree of S. J. D. in 1919. From that time until his election here he was engaged in the practice of law in Clarksburg.

A large lot immediately below the President's House has been secured and is now being cleared preparatory to beginning excavation for the new law building. The plans have been somewhat modified and some additions made. It is hoped that the contract can soon be let and work begun so that it may be ready by the opening of the University next September.

AN APPRECIATION.—The progress of the College of Law since the year of 1913 has been constant and gratifying to its friends. In that year Mr. Henry Craig Jones was elected Dean and he remained head of the College until the year 1921. During that

period, the course of study was modified as to its content and the case method was firmly established. The College of Law was given recognition by being admitted to membership in the Association of American Law Schools. The library was increased from about five or six thousand to more than fifteen thousand volumes, and the foundation laid for an ultimately adequate library. THE WEST VIRGINIA LAW QUARTERLY, with which THE BAR was incorporated, was founded, and the combined magazine was made the official publication of the West Virginia Bar Association. Provision was made by the Legislature for a splendid new law building which will be completed next year, and which will give welcome relief from the present inadequate quarters.

To the newly elected members of the law faculty it is apparent that the credit for the marked progress of the College of Law during this period, and the sound condition in which it now is, belongs of right to Dean Jones and the members of his faculty, several of whom are no longer here. The administrative skill and tact of the dean, and the learning, ability and devotion of both the dean and the professors during this period, set a high mark. Professor James W. Simonton should be mentioned specially because of his long service and exceptional success as a teacher. The appreciation of the service of these men, both by their students and by the bar of the state, is altogether encouraging and inspiring to the new members of the faculty.

BROOKE AND WILLEY PORTRAITS.—Former Dean Jones, in collaboration with a committee representative of practically all the graduating classes of the Law School, in 1919 arranged for the painting of portraits of former Professors St. George Tucker Brooke and William P. Willey, who were the first two teachers in the College of Law. The portraits are now completed and may be seen in the Council Room outside the President's Office. Upon the completion of the new law building next year these portraits, which are three-quarters length, measuring thirty-six by sixty inches, are to be placed in portrait niches specially designed for them on the landing of the marble stairway leading to the library floor. State universities are often thought of as lacking in traditions, and in appreciation of the work done by their early teachers. The placing of these portraits will give a distinct touch of the