DRAKE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF LAW

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
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HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE COLLEGE OF LAW.

The Iowa College of Law antedates in its origin and history, for a period of about six years, the Drake University proper, of which the College is now a department. The Law Department of the State University of Iowa had its origin in a law school organized in 1865 by Judge C. C. Cole (the present Dean of this department) and Judge George G. Wright. In 1868 that school was removed to Iowa City and made a department of the State University, Judges Cole and Wright continuing their connection with the school for several years. In 1875, upon the urgent solicitation of the citizens of Des Moines, Judge Cole, having severed his connection with the State University, organized the Iowa College of Law. During the years which followed, the school enjoyed a phenomenal success. Judge C. C. Cole had associated with him on the Faculty such men as Judge George G. Wright, United States Senator; Judge William E. Miller, ex-Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Iowa; Judge Julius B. Bissell, late of the Court of Appeals of Colorado; Judge Sew- ard Smith, of the United States District Court of South Dakota; Hon. John Mitchell, Judge of the District Court; Hon. John S. Runnels, Supreme Court Reporter, and others whose names and recognized ability in their profession, and whose faithful services, gave the school a most exceptionally high character and reputation.

In 1881, with the incorporation of Drake University, the College became an integral part of that institution, the Law Department of Drake University. Since 1875 the school has ranked among the best of law schools in the country, and in its more than a quarter of a century has maintained and increased its efficiency and high standing. It numbers among its nearly one thousand alumni such men as the present able Secretary of the United States Treasury, a number of judges on the bench of this state and others, numerous county attorneys, many senators and representatives, and a small army of successful and influential members of the bar in this and other states. Its past has been honorable and glorious, and, backed by the hearty support and sympathy of a loyal alumni, its future will be even more prosperous and useful.

Ever alert to increase its efficiency and promote the best interests of its students, the school has kept pace with modern professional ideas.

Its course of study, which formerly consisted of two years, was, beginning with 1901, in accordance with the recommendation of the American Bar Association, increased to a period of three years.

THE PROFESSION OF LAW.

There is no profession more noble or more honorable than that of the law; none that offers a greater reward for patient industry and honest effort; none that stands higher in the estimation of the people. From the earliest times the lawyer has left his indelible mark on history, and has been a most potent factor in the development of ethical principles and higher civili-