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FOREWORD.—With this number the VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW begins its eighth volume. The present Board of Editors intends to continue the general policies which have been adopted in the past, with leading articles by prominent members of the Bench and Bar and by teachers of the profession, and with comments upon the recent decisions of courts of record throughout the United States by undergraduates in the Law School. In the Virginia Section, which was started in the seventh volume, we hope to have one article by a member of the Virginia Bar or by a professor of law in each issue. A new scheme for covering the advance sheets of the Reporter System has been started, and we hope that this will lead to a more systematic selection of topics for our Notes and Recent Decisions than in the past.

The Board has decided to date the numbers of the eighth volume from November to June, both inclusive, instead of from October to May as was done in former volumes. In this way, we hope to have each number off the press by the first of the month for which it is dated. This method is now employed by many of the leading law reviews of this country.

To the contributors of our leading articles we wish to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude. The standard which the

REVIEW has reached in the past is due to those who have contributed articles, and it is to those who have so generously promised to contribute in the future that we owe our chief encouragement for the coming year.

THE LAW SCHOOL.—The enrollment in the Law School is larger this year than ever before in its history, there being three hundred and two registered students at the date of going to press. The following table indicates the enrollment by states and countries:

Alabama .....	3	Montana .....	5
Arkansas .....	5	New Jersey .....	4
Connecticut .....	3	New York .....	3
California .....	1	North Carolina .....	5
Delaware .....	6	Ohio .....	4
District of Columbia .....	5	Oklahoma .....	1
Florida .....	4	Pennsylvania .....	6
Georgia .....	10	South Carolina .....	8
Idaho .....	1	Tennessee .....	9
Kentucky .....	12	Texas .....	4
Maryland .....	8	Virginia .....	174
Massachusetts .....	1	Washington .....	4
Michigan .....	1	West Virginia .....	11
Minnesota .....	2	Porto Rico .....	1
Mississippi .....	1		
		Total .....	302

The opening of the session marks several changes within the Department. Professor Dobie has been granted another year's leave of absence and Acting Adjunct Professor F. D. G. Ribble, Jr., has charge of his work. Acting Adjunct Professor Julius Goebel, Jr., who substituted for Professor Dobie last year, did not return. The subject of Taxation has been temporarily dropped from the curriculum.

The faculty of the Law School have definitely announced that beginning with September, 1922 the requirements for admission to the department will include, in addition to the standard high school course, at least two years of college work.

WIFE'S RIGHT TO SUE TO PROTECT HER INCHOATE RIGHT OF DOWER.—It is a fundamental principle of law that for the widow to be entitled to dower the husband must have been seised during coverture of an estate of inheritance.<sup>1</sup> And it necessarily follows that a conveyance by the husband before the marriage will bar

<sup>1</sup> *Safford v. Safford*, 7 Paige (N. Y.) 259, 32 Am. Dec. 633; *Wilmarth v. Bridges*, 113 Mass. 407.