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The University was founded primarily in the interest of the young people of Florida. It was also believed that such an institution would meet the needs of many who, from considerations of health, are attracted southward by our genial winter climate. The University includes the following departments and courses:

THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS.

The Classical Course. Leading to degree of A.B.

The Latin Scientific Course. Leading to degree of Ph.B.

The Scientific Course. Leading to degree of B.S.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW. Leading to degree of LL.B.

NORMAL AND PRACTICE SCHOOL.

ACADEMY.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

SCHOOL OF ART.

BUSINESS COLLEGE.

For Catalogue, address

PRESIDENT JOHN F. FORBES,
DeLand, Florida.

Calendar.

1901.

Wednesday, October 2, Fall Term begins.

Thursday, November 28, Thanksgiving Day.

Thursday and Friday, December 19 and 20, Examinations.

Friday, December 20, Fall Term ends.

1902.

Wednesday, January 2, Winter Term begins.

Friday, February 14, Presentation Day.

Monday and Tuesday, March 24 and 25, Examinations.

Tuesday, March 25, Winter Term ends.

1902.

Wednesday, March 26, Spring Term begins.

Thursday and Friday, May 22 and 23, Examinations.

Tuesday, May 27, Commencement.

CALENDAR 1901-1902.

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"Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Association, it is a part of the highest duty and interest of every civilized State to make provisions when necessary for the maintenance of law schools, and the thorough professional education of all who are admitted to practice law."—*Report of Committee on Legal Education to American Bar Association, 1891.*

"The time has gone by when an eminent lawyer, in full practice, can take a class of students into his office and become their teacher. Once that was practical, but now it is not. The consequence is that law schools are now a necessity.—*The late Chief Justice Waite.*

"There is little, if any, dispute now as to the relative merit of education by means of law schools and that to be got by mere practical training or apprenticeship as an attorney's clerk. Without disparagement of mere practical advantages, the verdict of the best informed is in favor of the schools."—*Report of Committee on Legal Education to American Bar Association, 1879.*

Professor Bryce, in *The American Commonwealth*, says that the superior attainments of the members of the legal profession in the United States is due "to the extraordinary excellence of many of the law schools."

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Location.

The University is located in the city of DeLand, the county seat of Volusia county, Florida. DeLand is situated about twenty miles from the east coast of the peninsula, and about one hundred miles south of Jacksonville, and may be reached directly by the Plant System of Railroads, by the East Coast System via Orange City, or by the boats on the St. John's river, which land at Beresford, four miles away.

The city is on high pine land, not near any water and is remarkable for its general healthfulness. The climate is almost a specific for throat and lung troubles, catarrh, rheumatism, etc. Students who are unable, from delicate health, to attend school during the winter in the North, find it possible to pursue their studies here regularly, and yet constantly improve their health.

DeLand offers many attractions to families desiring to establish winter homes in Florida, or to become permanent residents. The city has water

works, electric lights, paved streets, brick business blocks, an ice factory, four weekly papers, seven white churches, and a well organized public school. Since 1889 there has been no licensed saloon in Volusia county and prosecutions for illegal selling are prompt and vigorous.

Department of Law.

The Department of Law of the John B. Stetson University was opened in October, 1900, and the number and quality of the students availing themselves of its advantages during the first year of its existence were such that it is confidently stated that the Department has already passed the experimental stage. It is the purpose of the school to prepare students to practice law. In carrying out this purpose it is sought not merely to familiarize the student with certain rules of law, but also to develop a legal mind and to train him in the art of legal reasoning.

The Faculty of Law.

The Faculty is composed of both resident and non-resident members. The resident members are four in number. Two of them will devote their entire time regularly and continuously to the work of instruction. The others, while giving only a part of their time to the work, will give that part regularly. The non-resident members, who

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are leading judges and distinguished members of the bar of the State in active practice, will give one or more lectures on different branches of the law at different times during the year:

Requirements for Admission.

Applicants for admission to the junior class must be at least nineteen years of age and to the senior class twenty. Graduates or matriculates of colleges and students who have completed an academic course satisfactory to the Faculty, will be admitted to the Department without examination as to preliminary requirements and may become candidates for a degree. Other applicants, if candidates for a degree, must give satisfactory evidence of educational qualifications sufficient to enable them to pursue successfully the study of law.

Admission to Advanced Standing.

The following persons will be admitted to the senior class without examination:

1. Attorneys at Law in good standing from any State.
2. Persons who present proper certificates of having completed in another law school of good

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standing the equivalent of one year's work in this institution.

Other applicants for advanced standing must pass an examination on the subjects of the junior year or equivalent subjects. Examinations will be held September 28 and 30, 1901.

Methods of Instruction.

There are three distinct methods of instruction used by law schools, namely: the lecture system, the text-book system and the case system. The work will not be confined to any one system. Realizing that each of these methods has in it elements of good, the Faculty will endeavor to combine in the course the good features of all.

Course of Study.

The course of study is a graded one and covers a period of two years of thirty-three weeks each. The college year is divided into three terms, the fall and winter terms of twelve weeks each and the spring term of nine weeks. The following is a statement of the subjects upon which instruction is given, the time given to each subject and the methods used:

Junior Year.

CONTRACTS AND QUASI CONTRACTS.—Four hours a week for the fall term and three for the winter. Text-book and cases.

CRIMINAL LAW.—Three hours a week for the fall term. Lectures, cases, and quizzes.

AGENCY.—Three hours a week for the fall term. Lectures, cases, and quizzes.

ELEMENTARY LAW.—Two hours a week for the fall term. Text-book with oral exposition.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS.—Three hours a week for the fall term. Text-book accompanied by oral exposition.

*CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.—Three hours a week for the winter term. Text-book work.

ELEMENTARY REAL PROPERTY.—Four hours a week for the winter term. Text-book accompanied by oral exposition.

TORTS.—Four hours a week for the winter term. Text-book and cases.

PERSONAL PROPERTY AND SALES.—Four hours a week for the spring term. Lectures and text-book.

*BAILMENTS AND CARRIERS.—Four hours a week for the spring term. Lectures and quizzes.

COMMON LAW PLEADING.—Four hours a week

for the spring term. Text-book accompanied by oral exposition.

EQUITY JURISPRUDENCE.—Four hours a week for the spring term. Lectures, cases, and quizzes.

Senior Year.

EVIDENCE.—Four hours a week for the fall term. Text-book and cases.

EQUITY PLEADING.—Three hours a week for the fall term. Text-book accompanied by oral exposition.

PRIVATE CORPORATIONS.—Four hours a week for the fall term. Text-book accompanied by oral exposition.

EQUITY JURISPRUDENCE.—Three hours a week for the fall term. Lectures, cases, and quizzes.

FLORIDA PLEADING AND PRACTICE.—Two hours a week for the fall term. Lectures and quizzes.

PARTNERSHIP.—Three hours a week for the winter term. Text-book and cases.

*NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS.—Three hours a week for the winter term. Text-book accompanied by oral exposition.

PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW.—Three hours a week for the winter term. Lectures, cases and quizzes.

WILLS AND ADMINISTRATION.—Three hours a week for the winter term. Lectures, cases, and quizzes.

REAL PROPERTY.—Three hours a week for the winter term. Text-book accompanied by oral exposition.

PRACTICE COURT.—One hour a week for the winter and spring terms.

FLORIDA STATUTE LAW.—Two hours a week for the winter and spring terms. Lectures and quizzes.

PUBLIC CORPORATIONS.—Three hours a week for the spring term. Text-book accompanied by oral exposition.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW.—Five hours a week for the spring term. Text-book and cases.

*DAMAGES.—Four hours a week for the spring term. Lectures, cases, and quizzes.

JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES COURTS.—Three hours a week for the spring term. Text-book accompanied by oral exposition.

All Florida students are required to prepare such parts of the Statutes of Florida relating to

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each of the above subjects as shall be designated by the Faculty. The courses marked with an asterisk are given in alternate years.

Examinations.

It is the desire of the Faculty to characterize the work of the Department by its completeness and thoroughness. As one means to this end, two days are set apart at the close of each term for the examination of all students upon the work of that term. The examinations are in writing and are rigid and searching and are final as to the work of that term.

The Practice Court.

A well-organized Practice Court will be a regular feature of the course in the senior year, and the work in it will be emphasized. Beginning with the winter term, weekly sessions of the Court will be held, over which some member of the Faculty will preside. The object of the course in the Practice Court is to give the student practical instruction in pleading and practice at law and in equity and actual experience in the preparation and trial of the cause, thus removing the main objec-

tion raised to law school training, that it is theoretical and not practical. The work in the Practice Court is divided into three classes of cases:

FIRST.—Cases arising upon statements of fact prepared and assigned to the students, upon which they are to issue, serve and return process, prepare pleadings and bring the cause to an issue on a question of law. The case is first heard on the pleadings and the questions arising thereon are argued and disposed of. At the second hearing, after the pleadings have been approved, the case is argued and decided on the questions of law involved, the facts being admitted.

SECOND.—In the second class, actual controversies are arranged and assigned for trial as issues of fact. The students are here required to issue the proper process and prepare and file the pleadings necessary to produce an issue of fact. They then subpoena the witnesses, impanel the jury, examine and cross-examine the witnesses and argue the case to the court and jury.

THIRD.—In this class, the necessary papers are prepared to bring the case before the Supreme Court for review, and the legal questions arising in the lower court are argued and decided.

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Law Library.

Through the generosity of the bar of Florida the Department was enabled to begin its career with a good working library, including the reports of the Florida Supreme Court, the United States Supreme Court, the American Decisions, the American Reports, and the American State Reports, the Digests and Statutes of the State and the United States, the Reprint of the English Reports (so far as issued), and many of the leading text-books and books of reference. Important additions will be made to the library during the coming year.

The students of the Law Department have access to the general library of the University.

Elocution and Oratory.

It is important that those who study law with a view of becoming advocates should give attention to the subject of public speaking. It is a mistake to suppose that excellence in speaking is simply a gift of nature, and not the result of patient and persistent labor and study. Therefore the following optional courses in elocution and oratory are offered by Mrs. Trueblood, free of charge, to the students of the Law Department:

Junior Class.

1. ELOCUTION.—Exercise in vocal culture, breathing, position and gesture; pronunciation and emphasis; elements of quality, force, pitch and time and their application to representative selections. Two periods a week.

Senior Class.

2. STUDY OF FORENSIC ORATORS AND ORATORY.—Lectures on methods of public address and sources of power of the orator; study of representative orations.

3. ORAL DISCUSSION.—Designed to develop readiness of extemporization. Practical application of the principles of formal logic. Leading questions of the day debated in class. Lectures on argumentation and persuasion.

Literary Societies.

The Kent Club is a literary society, the membership and work of which are under the control of the students of the Law Department. It meets in the evening once a week in the rooms of the Law Department. Students in this Department are also admitted to other literary societies and debating clubs in the University.

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University Privileges.

The advantages of the other departments of the University are open to such students in the Department of Law as desire and are able to accept them. Courses in Constitutional and Political History, International Law, Political Economy, Logic, Rhetoric and English Composition are particularly recommended to law students. No extra charge will be made for such courses, but students in the Law Department will be permitted to take them only with the consent of the Law Faculty and of the professors whose courses they wish to take.

Theses.

Each member of the senior class, who is a candidate for a degree, is required to prepare and deposit with the Dean of the Department, before the first Monday in April, a dissertation upon some legal topic selected by himself and approved by some member of the Faculty. The dissertation must contain not less than 4,000 words and must be satisfactory in matter and form; and the student presenting it must be prepared to be examined upon the subject. It must be typewritten on paper of uniform size and quality.

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Degrees.

The degree of Bachelor of Laws will be conferred on the completion of the course of study previously outlined. Students admitted to advanced standing may, if qualified, receive the degree after one year's residence, but in no case will the degree be granted unless the candidate is in actual residence during all of the senior year.

Admission to the Bar.

Under the statutes of Florida, any person who is a graduate of the Law Department of John B. Stetson University is admitted on motion in open court, upon presentation of his diploma, duly issued by the University authorities.

Expenses.

For students who board in the Dormitory, the charge will be two hundred and twenty-two dollars per year. This includes tuition, room, heat, lights, and washing. To those living in the city, the charge for tuition alone will be sixty-six dollars per year.

The text-books used in the Department may be found in the law library, but it will be necessary for students to provide themselves with

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books for their daily use. The cost to students of books during the junior year is about \$35, and during the senior year about \$30. As these books are very useful in beginning practice, the purchaser loses nothing. By purchasing second hand books, and selling or exchanging, the item of cost of books can be materially reduced.

A fee of five dollars is charged for a diploma conferring the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

For further information, address the Dean of the Law Department.

Admission of Graduates to State Courts.

An Act Providing for the Admission to Practice Law in the Courts of this State of Graduates of the Law Department of the John B. Stetson University.

Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

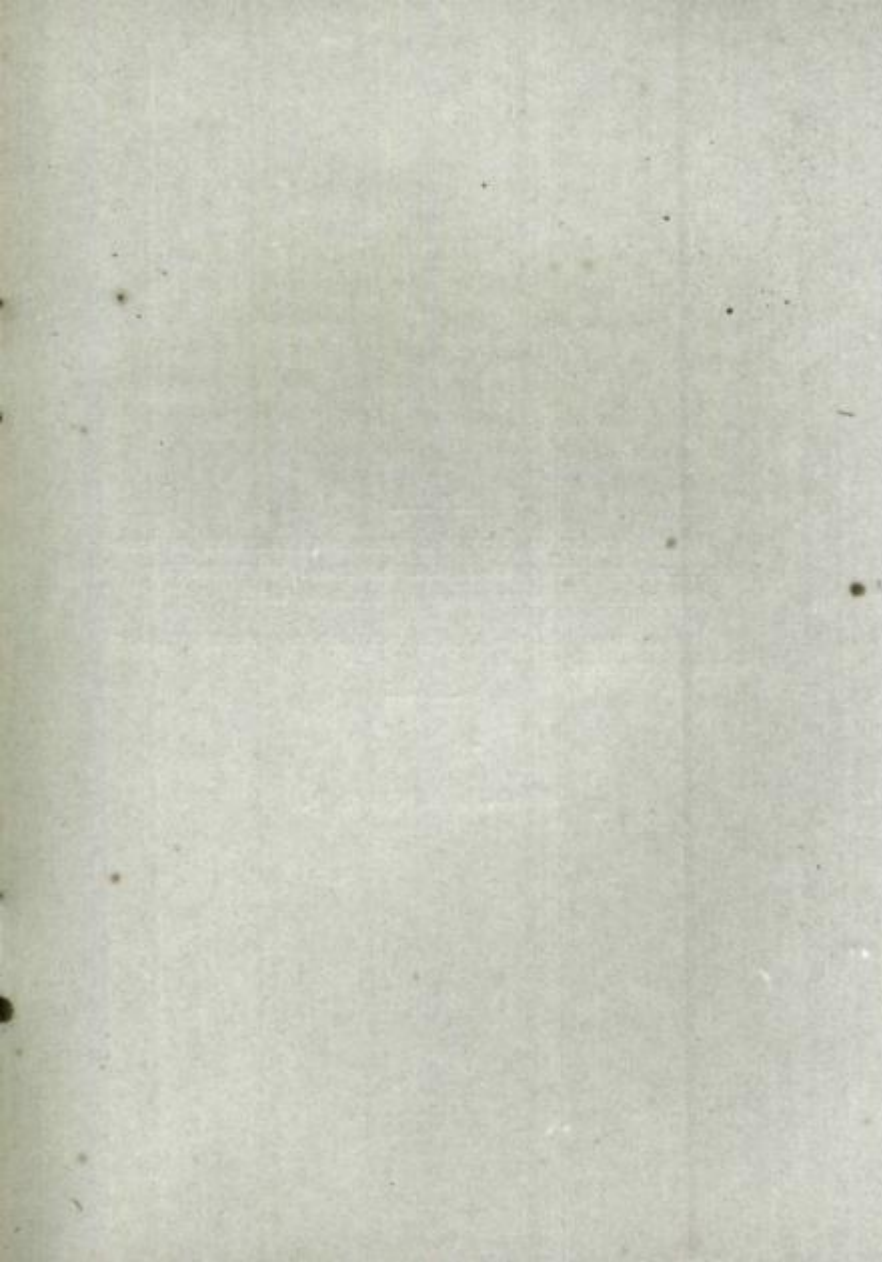
Section 1. That any person graduating from the Law Department of the John B. Stetson University, after the passage of this Act, and after taking the full prescribed course in said Law Department of not less than two years, shall be admitted to the practice of law in all the courts of

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this State without examination as to his legal attainments, upon motion, and upon the production of his diploma duly issued by the Board of Trustees of said University, and upon his presenting to the court satisfactory evidence that he is twenty-one years of age and of good moral character, and upon taking the oath prescribed by law in that behalf.

Section 2. That all Acts and parts of Acts, conflicting with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor.



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