

The Law Department.

ONE of the most prosperous departments of the University of Georgia is the Law School, presided over as it is by an able and energetic corps of professors. This feature of the University was established some years ago, and under the personal supervision of Hon. Joseph Henry Lumpkin, afterwards Chief Justice of Georgia, it received the name of the Lumpkin Law School, and sent forth from its famous halls some of the greatest jurists that Georgia now boasts. The civil war causing its suspension, this department of the University, together with the rest of the institution, was revived at the conclusion of that dread conflict, and it was only by the prompt and enterprising management of a zealous band of alumni and an equally enlightened board of trustees that we enjoy to-day the advantages furnished by the several schools of instruction, constituting the University at Athens. It is in the more recent years, however, that the law department has received an impetus in the onward march of learning, and to the untiring attention of Messrs. Andrew J. Cobb and George Dudley Thomas, the two law professors, must be ascribed the unprecedented attendance which, has, during the past few years, been known at the Law School. Just here, a word as to the professors of this department. Prof. Andrew J. Cobb, who is at the head of the law faculty, is perhaps, the most thorough student of law in Georgia. With great diligence he has added to the resources of a brilliant mind the results of years of careful study. Hi

opinions on the various points of law arising during the time are eagerly sought by the students of the department, and the infallibility, which investigation shows them to possess, justifies the confidence which is felt in this distinguished young jurist. Prof. George Dudley Thomas is another brilliant member of this faculty, and he brings to the discharge of his duties the experience of many years of practice at the bar at Athens. Especially is his knowledge of corporation law both thorough and useful, as he holds with distinguished ability the attorneyship of several railroads centering in Athens. Besides these two, Dr. S. C. Benedict, a skilful surgeon and physician, delivers lectures throughout the year on the subject of medical jurisprudence, and during the past term Judge Howell Cobb, of the city court, has been added to the law faculty, an acquisition upon which the department must be heartily congratulated. Nor is the study of the mental science neglected, for under the skilful tutorship of Chancellor W. E. Boggs the beauties of logic and metaphysics are held up to the admiring attention of the students of this, as well as of the other, departments. In addition to these five able lecturers in this respective branch, a number of distinguished lawyers from various parts of the State deliver addresses during the term upon the particular branches of legal law in which they may have gained distinction. The eloquent address of Hon. P. W. Mildwin on "The Criminal Courts" during the past term is a case in point. That the splendid advantages which the law school offers are realized and appreciated is shown by the increasing attendance from year to year. Four years ago the session opened with two in attendance; this year thirty-four bachelors of the Blackstonian science will receive their diplomas in June. The present class is the largest that

has ever graduated in one year from this department, and the prospects for the future are as brilliant as could be desired. Two years ago the University, realizing the increasing importance of this department, set aside for its special use the "Ivy Building." In this historic edifice the recitations are conducted, and the sessions of the moot courts are held from week to week. It gives us great pleasure to endorse this school of law as the best to be found South of Charlottesville. Its graduates are holding positions of trust in their profession everywhere, and the thoroughness with which the principles of law are inculcated will prepare the students to grapple successfully with the practical difficulties to be met in the courts of our country.

