INTRODUCING VOLUME 6

This is the first Alumni number of the current volume of The Chicago-Kent Review. In introducing it the staff wants each and every one of the readers to feel that The Review is his medium for keeping in contact with affairs at Chicago-Kent College of Law, and the location and activities of his former associates at college. In other words, we want the thoughts and ideas, activities and personal of all those who are interested in their Alma Mater and fellow alumni. Expression will be given to as many of these as space in The Review will permit. A policy of this nature will do more towards promoting a kindly feeling among us all than would lengthy articles on technical subjects. Accordingly, jump into the spirit of the thing and mail your "contribs" to the Editor of The Chicago-Kent Review at The Chicago-Kent College of Law.

The circulation for the year among the alumni amounts to about 15,000 copies and it is hoped that there will be something of interest in some one of the issues that will interest each of the 3,000 graduates on our mailing list and thus help to keep alive a contact between the former students and their Alma Mater which we hope will grow to intimacy between them.

AN ALUMNUS’ DUTY

The privilege of representing Chicago-Kent College to young men and women interested in the field of law is left largely to its alumni. Some attention should be given to this activity in order that prospective law students might know that Chicago-Kent is really making for itself a very distinctive place among educational institutions of its class in this middle west educational empire. A private institution in competition, or perhaps better, cooperation with heavily endowed and large state institutions which are more or less directly related to our public school systems, Chicago-Kent is at liberty to pick out for itself whatever place its ambitions might choose. Its entrance requirements and scholastic standards generally are high. It should only attract to itself those young men and women who are capable of meeting those requirements, and attaining such high standards both as students and as professional people so as to reflect credit upon their Alma Mater. It is the duty, and a privilege that Alumni should avail themselves of, to inform students, preparing for the study of law, of the exceptional qualities and noble aim of The Chicago-Kent College. By constantly keeping to that purpose and finding opportunity to contribute to it, Alumni will help to bring Chicago-Kent to the point where it will attract the very best, and may consequently choose only those who are qualified to meet its high purpose.

NEW COURSE ON APPLIED JURISPRUDENCE

In the fall of 1926 it seemed desirable to add a new course to the curriculum for the purpose of giving the members
of the graduating class in their last semester a thorough review of the principles of the law which have been studied by them during their time in school. It was made clear that this new course should not be considered in any way a "quiz course" or a "review course" as the term has often been applied being misleading, meaning a cram course to pass the bar examination. Emphasis was to be laid upon the fundamental principles of the law and it was intended that this new course should be one which would give a student a comprehensive review of the trunk principles of the different subjects studied.

It was seen that without a text book around which the work could be crystallized, the best results were not attainable, and for that purpose use was made of Holmes Lectures on Common Law and all of the work was co-ordinated with this book. It consists of a condensed introduction to general principles of jurisprudence with a special reference to their origin in the principles of the civil law and common law. After this introductory work was done there followed a restatement of the results of the common law with a special reference to the different subjects required under rule 39 of the Supreme Court. The course was finished with a short restatement showing the evolution of the law in force in this country and its relation to the common law of England.

In giving this work the instruction consisted of the cross examination of the students upon the rules above referred to and a record was kept of the work done by each student in the course. This resulted in determining, first, whether the student body collectively and individually had received the benefit from their work in the school that they as students had a right to receive, and, incidentally, it determined whether the different branches of the law had been pursued in the most efficient manner.

The results of this course are now a matter of record and it has been shown in the examinations which were given in March and July, 1927, that without any other review course the students taking this work were well qualified to withstand the searching examination given by the bar examiners for admission to the bar in the State of Illinois.

JUNIOR CLASS NOMINATES CANDIDATES

The first meeting of the Junior class was held on Oct. 12 at the college with Henry W. Hanmer presiding. The meeting immediately took up the business of electing officers for the ensuing year. A motion was made and carried to the effect that candidates be nominated at that time and that the election proper take place on Wednesday, Nov. 2. Whether this was for the purpose of allowing members to become acquainted with their candidates or to allow the politicians time to mend their fences was not disclosed.

The same rules of parliamentary procedure were observed at the meeting as are observed in Hillman's basement on Saturday morning. From the number of candidates nominated one might infer that it was a national convention of the Democratic Party rather than a convention of the Junior class of the Chicago-Kent College of Law for there was neither a dearth of material nor modesty on the part of the aspirants. However, it might be noted in passing that a number of embryo officials have let it be known that they "Do not choose to run."

The election is to be by secret ballot. The secret being that only the voter will know how many times he votes. Following is a list of those who have consented to let their names be used. President, Balin, Belding, Edwards, Jepson. Vice-President, Burke, Monarch, Schwantes, Thompson. Secretary, Traksl, Wolfberg. Treasurer, Edwards, James, Reesman. Sergeant-at-Arms, Braiman, Connell, Miss Jacobson.