

able ; he is not lost when out of sight of mere authority. Nor is he tired and bored by legal subtleties and abstractions. He has always before him, as a background and support for his theories, the concrete examples of every-day life, vivid and often excitingly interesting. He analyzes for himself, and builds up the fragments into his abstract of the case. He is thus *prima facie* practical, and can the more readily apply his principles to men and constantly shifting series of facts and conditions. Further, the historical development of the law and the mental qualities of the judges, whose decisions are read, must exercise a deep and lasting impression in directing his own reasoning powers. The course is original, it is practical, and not bound down to theory. It certainly is not easy, and never the short cut to a Bar exam. or D. B. ; but to fit a man for active life, giving him all the working principles of the common law for immediate application, a three years study of leading cases will prove invaluable. The common idea of the 'law made easy' is entirely out of place.

One word more. The system of electives, which Acadia is now offering her students, is in touch with the advanced methods of the day. It is well known how much the university owes to Professor Tufts for his work in this line. His views are modern and his treatment of his subject scientific.

For students who expect to complete their education along professional lines, too much importance cannot be placed on the correct study of history and political economy during their undergraduate course. They are before other subjects the true foundations for good work in law.

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Recent Researches in Physical Science.

Man's inventiveness and man's originality still continue to enrich the department of physical science. As yet many of the recent inventions are simply scientific toys, useful only in the laboratory to illustrate the results attendant upon some entertained theory. Still there is an ever upward growth, an ever progressive movement to a definite goal. Simplicity is the desire of the age and to such an end do the investigators of the present day bend all the energies of their ingenuity.

In every branch of physics great activity is being shown and particularly in the department of electricity are the inventors and electricians busy. Over nine per cent. of the