the junior and senior years they will understand better the nature of their privilege of free access to the shelves. Under no circumstances should any one be allowed access to a library shelf who has not learned by personal experience what books are.

In the two book rooms the books are placed in alcoves arranged by subjects. Small tables are placed in the vacant spaces in these rooms, where the advanced students can work conveniently.

The library is available more hours than heretofore. It was open from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M., from 1877 to 1885. Two hours in the afternoon were added in 1885. Then, in 1887, the hours were extended from 8 A. M. until chapel time, and from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M., except on Saturdays, when it was open only from nine until twelve o'clock. It was decided, in 1888, to open the library Friday evenings from half past seven until ten o'clock. The desire on the part of a number of students for the past three years to work in the library during vacations which occur in the school year has made it seem advisable not to close the library at such times, but to give the opportunity for working mornings, except on legal holidays. Even during the Christmas recess many of the students do good work in the

library. This habit of research, which is developing among the students, cannot fail to be considered a good sign.

History of the Library.

The library administration has developed gradually in the same manner that has characterized the growth of the library.

To trace the details of the growth would only interest librarians and be extremely prosaic to the general reader. Suffice it to say, that the result of this growth has produced or caused to be adopted methods which are practical and systematic, the strongest emphasis being laid upon accuracy and simplicity.

So, rather than show the development of the machinery by which the library runs, we will describe the methods as we find them in use at present.

The annual appropriations for new books are divided among the professors at the head of the several departments. In this way the books are chosen directly in the lines of work pursued.

The Board of Regents has made the following distribution of the book fund available for the coming year (July 1st is the beginning of our fiscal year):

Law	\$500	00
American history and civics	225	00

