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The Law School has been given over 1,000 items from the personal library of Dr. Charles Phineas Sherman, one of the world's most distinguished scholars and writers in the field of Roman Law. This generous gift was made as a memorial to Dr. J. A. C. Chandler, President of the College from 1919 to 1934. Full details are set forth in the attached announcement.

Mr. James P. Whyte, whose appointment as Professor of Law was announced in the last newsletter, joined the faculty on February 1, 1958.

The Third Annual Tidewater Tax Conference sponsored by the Law School in cooperation with the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Ass'n and the Tidewater Chapter of Certified Public Accountants was held at Norfolk on January 18, with approximately 200 in attendance. This was the best attended of the three conferences held to date. Several members of the Law School Alumni made valuable contributions to the conference by serving as session chairmen and as speakers.

The Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity held its meeting for the installation of officers and initiation of new members on December 14, 1957, at the Porterhouse Restaurant. The new officers are: Justice - John E. Messick, Vice-Justice - Granville R. Patrick, Clerk - James A. Leftwich, Treasurer - Thomas J. Middleton, Marshall - Francis P. Blanock. There were seven initiates: Fred Aucamp, Theodore Focht, Sidney J. Baker, Otto Lowe, William H. Colona, Robert D. Vaughan, Kenneth H. Lambert. The speaker for the occasion was Professor Robert E. Lee of Wake Forest Law School whose subject was "The Law is a Jealous Mistress."

The Law School Moot Court Team was defeated by the University of North Carolina team in the Regional Rounds of the annual National Moot Court Competition at Duke University on November 15.

The Law School, through its faculty members, has participated actively in a number of events in which it has been requested to provide assistance. Among these requests which were complied with by Professor Curtis were: (1) To address the Roanoke Bar Ass'n on the subject of "Future Interests" at its meeting on January 14. (2) To serve as a member of the Planning Committee for the 10th Annual Tax Conference to be held at the University of Virginia during June 1958. (3) As a member of, to meet with the Taxation Committee of the Virginia Bar Ass'n in Richmond on January 17.

Among those requests complied with by Professor Atkeson were: (1) To present a paper at the Tax Institute's Symposium on "Income Tax Differentials" at Princeton, New Jersey on November 22. (2) To address the Hampton Bar Ass'n at its installation of officers meeting on January 16. (3) To deliver a series of lectures in Washington on January 13, relating to "Tax Administration and Planning", for the Internal Revenue Service in connection with its executive development program for revenue officers. (4) To appear as an invited witness before the Committee on Ways and Means at Washington on January 29, in connection with the hearings on the general revision of the revenue laws.

Following the December Bar Examination, Dean Woodbridge and Professor Phelps attended the Conference of Bar Examiners at Richmond on Dec. 11th.

A brochure setting forth the course of study of those who wish to take a combined six-year program in Business Administration at the College of William and Mary in Norfolk and law at Williamsburg, and announcing available scholarships has been sent all those enrolled in the various Business programs offered by the College at Norfolk.

Among the successful candidates taking the December State Bar Examination were students currently enrolled in the Law School. They are Messrs. Frank V. Emmer-son and Thomas J. Middleton.

Mr. Robert C. Vaughan completed the re-quirements for his Bachelor of Civil Law degree as of February 4, 1958.

Students entering the Law School in February - Roger M. Johnson, graduate of the University of Chicago, William E. Bush graduate of Colgate University, Jack Irwin Goodman, transfer from the University of Alabama, and R. Arthur Jett, transfer from the University of Virginia.

Since the last Law School Newsletter the Alumni Association has gained eight new active members.

Dean Woodbridge wishes to express his appreciation for the interest and gener-osity of all those who have contributed to The Woodbridge Fund, which is designed to help deserving law students. The Fund is already in operation and while the hoped-for minimum of \$500 has already been passed, further contributions are welcome and can be used to advantage.

William and Mary's Marshall-Wythe School of Law has been given over 1,000 items from the personal library of one of the nation's most distinguished scholars and writers in the field of Roman law.

Alvin Duke Chandler, president of William and Mary, said the college's school of law has been given the collection by Dr. Charles Phineas Sherman, once referred to by the "Canadian Law Times" as "one of the world's great jurists." In addition to 500 volumes, the gift includes an equal number of issues of legal periodicals and other materials.

Presented to the law school as a memorial to Dr. J. A. C. Chandler, president of the college from 1919 to 1934, the volumes will bear special memorial bookplates designed by Dr. Sherman.

The chief emphasis of the collection, according to Professor of Law Joseph M. Cormack, is upon Roman law and comparative law.

Included in the library are books relating to the law of England, India, Canada, Germany, Holland, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Japan, Latin America, Argentina, Mexico, the Phillipines and ancient Greece. Works on International law, political and social science, and church law, both canon and protestant, are also included.

His interest in and connection with William and Mary dates from 1925, when he was invited by President J. A. C. Chandler to give a course in the history department entitled "Roman Civilization and its Influence on the Modern World." In 1927 he commenced to give lectures on various subjects at the William and Mary law school, which practice he has continued as opportunity has offered.

A number of years ago he established the annual William A. Hamilton prize of \$50 awarded to the student graduating in jurisprudence who has written the best essay on a subject connected with Roman law.

Dr. Sherman, whose three-volume "Roman Law in the Modern World" has passed into three editions since publication in 1917, has been a visiting lecturer at William and Mary since 1925. He is a prolific writer of legal works. His contributions to the legal field include "Epitome of Roman Law" and "Roman Civilization in the Modern World", which was based in part upon lectures delivered at William and Mary.

He published his autobiography in 1944 under the title "Academic Adventures."

A graduate of Yale University, from which he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1896, his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1898, and his Doctor of Civil Law degree in 1899, Dr. Sherman also studied in Rome and Paris and was awarded a Doctor of Laws degree by National University.

Dr. Sherman practiced law in New Haven and Boston. He was a member of the faculty of the Yale Law School from 1906 to 1917, and librarian from 1906 to 1909. From 1906 to 1917 he was curator of the Yale Albert S. Wheeler Library of Roman, Canon, Continental-European and Latin-American Law.

Dr. Sherman was a charter member of the American Association of Law Libraries, and is a member of the American Bar Association, the Promotion of Roman Studies Society, the New England Historic-Genealogical Society, the Selden Society, which has published valuable historical materials in England, the Classical Association of London, the British School at Rome, the New Commonwealth Society of Political and Social Science, and the American Society of International Law, and during its existence was a member of the Riccobone Seminar of Roman Law of Washington.