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EDITORIAL

With this issue, the *Dickinson Law Review*, fifth oldest law school journal in the country, completes its fiftieth year of publication.

The *Review* came to life in January of 1897, under the name of *The Forum*. At that time, it was published monthly and its content was principally social; the pages of *The Forum* were devoted to comments concerning the students and the alumni, reports of the moot court cases, addresses by the Commencement speakers and the like.

In Volume 8, with the issue of March, 1904, the content underwent a change, the first legal article of any length appeared in *The Forum*. The article was *Character-Evidence in Criminal Cases* by Dr. William Trickett, then Dean of the Law School. This was followed in the issue of April, 1904 by another article by the same author and in this issue, the first book review also appeared. The course of the publication was now set and since this time, the *Review* has devoted its space to articles of interest and value to the legal profession, with particular emphasis on the law of Pennsylvania.

The other two changes which have taken place in the journal have been technical changes and have not affected the substance. In 1909, with Volume 14, the name was changed from *The Forum* to the *Dickinson Law Review* and in 1928, with Volume 33, the publication became a quarterly rather than a monthly.