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FLEXNER, A.

1935

Biography

DICKIESON, JOHN

/LEGAL

Academic Activities

John Dickinson (Ass*t. sec*y. of Commerce, Wash.) to Flexner (Princeton) Apr. 5, 1935

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"You think quite naturally of a scholar in the field of jurisprudence as being appropriately attached to a professional schools of law. What has happened in this country has been that our professional schools of law, even of the highest grade such as Harvard and Yale, have been so professional that while they may maintain a professor of jurisprudence, nevertheless the study of the more profound and, if you will, theoretical aspects of the law does not proceed in a favorable atmosphere. Even a teacher like Pound, who succeeds in attaining a large reputation among students for the value of his lectures in some practical branch of the law like criminal law or wills and administration, cannot attract more than a handful of students to a course on jurisprudence. A professor who should seek to teach jurisprudence without having made a reputation for skill in some

technical subject like bills and notes or agencies would not be taken seriously. My own feeling is that if jurisprudence in its more fundamental and theoretical aspects is ever to have a chance in this country, it must be through some type of institution outside of the professional law school. At the present time we are in the situation where it falls completely between two stools."

Flexmer (Princeton) to John Dickinson (Washington) April 8, 1935

"Thank you very much for your kind note of April 5th. The point you make has often occurred to me, namely, that the School of Reonomics and Politics should contain the right sort of lawyer, despite the fact that it has no interest whatsoever in the training of lawyers. The point is one which I am going to submit to the economics group when it assembles next fall. Should you have an opportunity, talk it over with Dr. Riefler in the meantime.

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LEGAL STUDIES

Academic Activities

The Director reported on the meeting on Legal Studies in February, and pronounced it a success on the subject of government policies directed toward assuring national security. A March meeting is scheduled, after which he hopes to be able to inform the Board more clearly on suggested ways and means of conducting the studies. "There was discussion as to whether the Institute provided the best facilities for such a study."

Executive Committee Minutes, Feb. 21, 1950

VLEGAL STUDIES

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GREENBAUM, EDWARD S.

Biographical

Academic Activities

RADIN, MAX

Greenbaum suggests Institute support a study of delays and procedures of legal practice.

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STIFEMES (BIRECTOR'S PURD)

STUDIES IN LITERATURE

STUDIES IN PSYCHOLOGY

PACTABLE IN PUR

STEDIES IN GOVERNMENT

See Minutes of April 21, 1930.

Trustees' Minutes, 4/21/50 pp. 2 ff.

Academic Personnel