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TWENTY-THREE years ago the Yale Law School left its earliest abode in the Leffingwell Building and moved into the upper story of the County Court House. The change was significant at the time, for it meant that the steady growth of the school had imperatively demanded larger space for lecture, library and office rooms. But this advance in the development of the school was one of degree only, and not of kind. Occupying, as it still did in the Court House, rented quarters, overshadowed by the greater bulk of the county and city administrative organs about it, the school was about as far as ever from attaining a distinct material individuality capable of enforcing recognition by the outside world. With the opening of the present Spring term the Law School moved once more. A bare four weeks in the new building which is now the home of the school can give us only a dim appreciation of all that this latest step means. Certain things, however, are clear. This second change of habitat is of far greater importance than the first. The school has now gotten a visible personality of its own, obvious to all. It has gained thereby in position and power in relation to the outside world. There should also be another advance in the establishment of a closer connection with

the Campus, the heart of the University. The academic department has a great deal to offer the Law School, and *vice versa*. As the two branches approach each other on more nearly equal terms, and the students of the one appreciate and use the facilities offered by the other, the hitherto formal connection may be vitalized into something of value to both. The internal life of the school will also be deeply affected by the change of surroundings, particularly in the matter of self respect. Hitherto the graduate of the school had to be of an analytic and discerning mind to be able to separate the material circumstances of the school from its spirit and be properly proud of the latter. But its spirit has now found suitable bodily expression; it can hold its men as never before; it will send them out with a memory to be proud of; and in due time it will make the Law School also a hewer of that famous timber on which the strength of Yale is built, the Yale alumni. To Dean Wayland, whose labors in raising the funds have made the new building possible; to the men who generously responded to his call, and to those whose care and skill has made the building so exceptionally adapted for the work of the school, we give the sincere thanks of the school and the JOURNAL. The JOURNAL, related to the school as limb is to body, gains with its gains and shares its hopes for the future, and it has good cause to be glad for itself as well as for the school as it moves into its new quarters.

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As we go to press, the income tax is again on hearing before the Supreme Court, this time with a full bench. As a final decision will probably be reached in a few days, it is hardly worth while to comment on the state of the law as it escaped from the first hearing. Its sufficiently crude machinery was in no wise improved by the decision of the court on rents and municipal and State bonds. Only the wild-eyed tax-collector, who has in consequence been called upon hourly to solve questions fitted to puzzle Kent or Story, is the worse for this intermediate decision. As the law now stands it involves legal problems sufficient for a decade of litigation. Apparently it remains with Justice Jackson to decide whether this bonanza for the legal profession shall continue in existence. In the interest of humanity in general the profession will be glad to have its own chances vanish, as regards this law.