

ance companies being an admission of the gravity of the situation, and the seriousness of the evil to be removed. He then refers to the main features of the Torrens system, which, he says, offers great advantages over the cumbersome and necessarily expensive mode of registration at present in use in the United States. The conclusion he draws is very favourable to the former.

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MRS. MYRA BRADWELL, whose recent death is mourned, especially in Chicago, was a very remarkable woman. This death removes one who (to quote the words of the Illinois State Bar Association) was "the first woman made an honourable member of that association, and one of the worthy pioneers in the great movement of the age to give to women equal rights before the law and equal opportunities to enter all appropriate fields of useful activity." She studied law under the tutelage of her husband, and, in 1868, established the *Chicago Legal News*, the first weekly law periodical in the west, and, so far as we know, the only legal journal edited by any woman in the world; whilst her business ability, sagacity, and enterprise soon built up one of the most flourishing printing and publishing houses in the west. In 1869, having passed a highly creditable examination, she applied for admission to the Bar, which, however, was refused. Twenty-two years afterwards, however, the Supreme Court of Illinois, upon their own motion, directed a license to practise law to be issued to her, and in March, 1892, she was also, upon motion of the Attorney-General, admitted to practise before the Supreme Court of the United States. Mrs. Bradwell did not confine herself to law and business, but was a most useful citizen in a number of ways, and, last, but not least, was "a gentle and noiseless woman, her tenderness and refinement making the firmness of her character all the more effective, a most devoted wife and mother, her home being ideal in its love and harmony."

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THE English legal journals contain interesting obituary notices of the late Sir James Stephen, who died on the 11th ult. at the comparatively early age (for English judges) of 65. He was called to the Bar in 1854. In 1869 he went to India to succeed Sir Henry Maine as legal member of the Council of the