

ention will soon be let loose again upon society (for probably this is part of the bargain) apparently does not seem to trouble either those in authority or those for whom a due administration of justice is a national necessity.

*THE COLLECTED PAPERS OF F. W. MAITLAND.**

The three volumes under the above title contain papers which for the most part have been contributed to magazines and reviews, and cover the whole period of Maitland's life. They represent fairly well his work and opinions. Philosophy, History and Law form the subject-matter of those papers, some of which are familiar to readers of current legal literature like the *Law Quarterly Review*, whilst probably few readers of this journal have read, before they saw it in volume 3 of the Collected Papers, the paper on "Trust and Corporation" which originally appeared in a German magazine.

The chief interest which the lawyer will take in these volumes, is to be found in the treatment of two topics of English law—Equity and Corporations. Only second to these comes the subject of seisin, to which three papers are devoted in vol. 1. Then there are the more discursive papers on English law in general, and the good-natured gibes at Real Property Law. The famous paper on the "Corporation Sole" comes in vol. 3, as do the other papers on corporations and their philosophy. The most attractive papers (to the writer of this notice at any rate) are "Trust and Corporation" in vol. 3, and "The Origin of Uses" in vol. 2, the latter published originally in the *Harvard Review*. These two papers contain Maitland's views on the nature of the equitable estate, a subject alike interesting and important to those who care for legal history, and those who must grapple with very practical everyday problems of legal right. The whole theory of the English trust will become simpler and clearer to

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