

LETTERS TO A LAW STUDENT.

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MY DEAR COKE-UPON-LITTLETON :

You are thinking of studying the law. Well, I have a few friendly words to offer for your consideration. If your aim be to become a lawyer in the full sense of the term, your task is no light one. You are devoting yourself to a life of hard work, and never ending study. It is otherwise if you merely desire to become a member of the legal profession. Any man of ordinary parts who makes the same effort to succeed in law as he would make in any other pursuit, will get on. He may become Solicitor, Barrister and even Queen's Counsel without becoming a lawyer. I tell you, sir, that all the *lawyers* in this country could muster on a place much smaller than the Plains of Abraham. Keep the distinction well before your mind. If you desire to become a lawyer you have a career of untiring application and industry to face. You must possess or succeed in acquiring what is called the "legal mind," or the faculty of being able to trace