

DEATH OF SIR HENRY MAINE.—Sir Henry James Sumner Maine, who died on February 3rd, was born in 1822. He was educated at Cambridge, where he won distinguished honours in his university course, and he was afterwards a tutor of Trinity Hall. He held his tutorship for two years, and then, at the unusually early age of twenty-five, was appointed Regius Professor of Civil Law. He was appointed Reader in Jurisprudence at the Middle Temple in 1854, having been called to the bar four years earlier. He was also a legal Member of the Council of the Governor-General of India. It is as an author that this distinguished jurist has rendered his most valuable and permanent services. His "Ancient Law," "Village Communities," and "Early History of Institutions," are marked by depth and originality of thought, scholarly and accurate research, and high literary merit. His labours have thrown much light on the foundations of jurisprudence. The following estimate of him by Rev. H. Latham, also of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, we take from the *English Law Journal*:

"Sir Henry Maine never thrust himself forward; there was no dogmatism about him, neither was there the least trace of intellectual coxcombry or of looking down on tastes and pursuits which differed from his own. He never said a caustic or an unkindly thing. Even in those days he was remarkable for a mental quality for which I have no English word. He would lay his mind so close against the matter that was presented to him that he seemed to take off from it an impression accurate even to the faintest lines. His reputation," he concluded, "will grow with years, because he has enriched the world with new ideas, and pointed out sound methods of carrying on investigation. He helped men to understand their institutions, and started them on right tracks of thought. Many names which now are as well known as his will pass out of mind while his will be left to fame."

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## Correspondence.

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### LAW SCHOOL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CANADA LAW JOURNAL:

Dear Sir,—I understand that a scheme for the "establishment and maintenance of a law faculty" is now under consideration by the benchers in connection with the University of Toronto, and that proposals on the subject have been made by a joint committee of the Law Society and the Senate of the University.

As this scheme emanates from a committee on which "Toronto" was the only university represented, it is, perhaps, quite natural to find that it gives her an advantage over the other universities, which is scarcely fair to the members of the Law Society who are interested in the latter or not in sympathy with the former.