

too, happy in a double inheritance of genius; but the combination is a rare one, though many a lawyer quits the thorny roads of jurisprudence for the "primrose path" of literature. Sir William Blackstone seems to have felt their incompatibility when he wrote "The Lawyer's Farewell to his Muse," and said a fond adieu to the "Delicahs of the Imagination" before embarking on the stern task of "The Commentaries"; feeling himself, however, as he did so, like "an exile" going from home.

In the same devoted spirit Mr. Fearne, when he dedicated himself to "Contingent Remainders," burned all his profane library and wept over its flames, mourning more especially in this great act of renunciation for the Homilies of St. John Chrysostom to the people of Antioch, and for the comedies of Aristophanes! It is not recorded that Fearne ever returned to his scholarship, but Blackstone still found time to make critical remarks on Shakespeare, as another great judge of our own day has found time in his translation of the Æneid to reproduce for us "the stateliest measure ever moulded by the lips of man." Such "wantonings with the muse," as Kirke White would call them, are not in vain. They have left their impress on the luminous and eloquent diction of the commentaries; they are discernible in the finish of Lord Justice Bowen's judgments. Lord Selborne's reputation as a lawyer is none the worse because among the vulgar hustle of affairs his life, as has been well remarked, "has been elevated and ennobled by an element of ethereal texture—that love of poetry which has given us 'The Book of Praise.'"—*Law Gazette*.

Reviews and Notices of Books.

The Old English Manor. A study in English Economic History. By Charles McLean Andrews, Ph.D. (J.H.U.), Associate in History in Bryn Mawr College. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1892.

An Introduction to the Study of the Constitution. A study showing the play of Physical and Social Factors in the Creation of Institutional Law. By Morris M. Cohn, Attorney-at-Law. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1892.

The above-mentioned books have been received, and will be noticed hereafter.