

FLOTHAM AND JETSAM—LAW SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA.

DEFAMATION OF CHARACTER.—A rural justice of the peace is usually a man of good sense and sound judgment. He may not know much law, but the community trusts him to do substantial justice between man and man, even if he violates legal technicalities. Uncle Johnny Woodman, of Sumner county, West Virginia, knew more about farming than he did about books, but he was honest and shrewd, and his common sense never failed him. His neighbours elected him justice of the peace, and not long after his appointment he gave them an illustration of the fact that a bad name will make a man suspected where appearances are never so slightly against him.

One day a noted "hard case" was brought before Uncle Johnny, charged with stealing a horse. The evidence against the man was not very strong, and his lawyer, Gen. Bently, insisted that his client should be dismissed. But Uncle Johnny decided to commit him to goal to await the action of the grand jury.

Gen. Bently then moved the Court to release the prisoner on bail, and offered good security for his appearance at the upper Court. Uncle Johnny adjusted his spectacles, examined the "code," and said with great dignity—

"The Court declines to bail the prisoner."

"On what grounds do you decline?" demanded the attorney.

"Well, General," said Uncle Johnny, "if you must know, the Court is afraid he'll steal another horse."

"You had better be careful," replied the lawyer. "My client will sue you for his character."

"You needn't put yourself to the trouble," rejoined the magistrate, with provoking coolness. "Just get two or three disinterested men to say what his character is worth, and I'll pay for it on the spot."—*Criminal Law Magazine*.

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SUBJECTS FOR EXAMINATIONS.

Articled Clerks.

- 1884 and 1885. { Arithmetic.
Euclid, Bb. I., II., and III.
English Grammar and Composition.
English History—Queen Anne to George III.
Modern Geography—North America and Europe.
Elements of Book-Keeping.

In 1884 and 1885, Articled Clerks will be examined in the portions of Ovid or Virgil, at their option, which are appointed for Students-at-Law in the same years.

Students-at-Law.

1884. { Cicero, Cato Major.
Virgil, Æneid, B. V., vv. 1-361.
Ovid, Fasti, B. I., vv. 1-300.
Xenophon, Anabasis, B. II.
Homer, Iliad, B. IV.
1885. { Xenophon, Anabasis, B. V.
Homer, Iliad, B. IV.
Cicero, Cato Major.
Virgil, Æneid, B. I., vv. 1-304.
Ovid, Fasti, B. I., vv. 1-300.

Paper on Latin Grammar, on which special stress will be laid.

Translation from English into Latin Prose.

MATHEMATICS.

Arithmetic; Algebra, to end of Quadratic Equations: Euclid, Bb. I., II. and III.

ENGLISH.

A Paper on English Grammar. Composition.

Critical Analysis of a Selected Poem:—

1884—Elegy in a Country Churchyard. The Traveller.

1885—Lady of the Lake, with special reference to Canto V. The Task, B. V.

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY.

English History from William III. to George III. inclusive. Roman History, from the commencement of the Second Punic War to the death of Augustus. Greek History, from the Persian to the Peloponnesian Wars, both inclusive. Ancient Geography, Greece, Italy and Asia Minor. Modern Geography, North America and Europe.

Optional subjects instead of Greek:

FRENCH.

A paper on Grammar,

Translation from English into French prose.

1884—Souvestre, Un Philosophe sous le toits.

1885—Emile de La Fontaine, Lazare Hoche.