

on the shelf of the scholar, as the author says in his preface. The division by chapters is as follows:—

I. Parties, their rights and remedies; II. Jurisdiction; III. Necessary and proper parties; IV. Aliens, non-residents, Indians, Trustees, Assignees, etc; V. States, counties, cities and towns; VI. Public officers; VII. Bankrupts and insolvents; VIII. Infants, Insane Persons, Idiots; IX. Husband and wife; X. Executors and administrators; XI. Landlord and tenant, Joint tenants, and tenants in common; XII. Master and servant, Principal and agent, Principal and surety, Bailor and bailee; XIII. Partnerships, Corporations, unincorporated associations, etc. XIV. Of the Joinder of Parties. XV. Of the misjoinder and non-joinder of parties, amendment and new parties. XVI. Abatement, revivor, etc.; XVII. Intervention; XVIII. Interpleader.

There is an excellent Index, covering 200 pages.

LYRICS OF THE LAW.—A recital of songs and verses pertinent to the law and the legal profession, selected from various sources, by J. Greenbag Croke. Publishers: Sumner Whitney & Co., San Francisco, 1884.

This collection of lyrics of the law embraces a great many scraps of interest. Some of them may seem without value to those actively engaged in the practice of the profession, but they would be useful and amusing in proper hands at a bar dinner. We have only room at present for the following:—

“A LAWYER’S WILL.

This is my last will and testament:
Read it according to my intent.
My gracious God to me hath given
Store of good things, that, under heaven,
Are given to those that love the Lord,
And hear and do His sacred word:
I therefore give to my dear wife
All my estates, to keep for life,
Real and personal, profits and rents,
Messuages, lands, and tenements;
After her death I give the whole
Unto my children, one and all,
To take as ‘Tenants in Common’ do
Not as ‘Joint Tenants’, *per mie, per tout*.
I give all my Trust Estates in fee
To Charlotte, my wife and devisee,
To hold to her, on trust, the same

As I now hold them in my name.
I give her power to convey the fee
As fully as though ‘twere done by me,
And here declare that from all charges,
My wife’s “receipts are good discharges.”
May God Almighty bless his word
To all “my presents from the Lord,”
May he his blessings on them shed
When down in sleep they lay their head.
And now, my wife, my hopes I fix
On thee, my sole executrix—
My truest, best, and to the end,
My faithful partner, crown, and friend.

In witness thereof, I hereunto
My hand and seal have set,
In presence of those whose names below,
Subscribe and witness it.

26th January, 1835.

J. C. G. [L.S.]

This will was published, sealed and signed,
By the testator, in his right mind,
In presence of us, who, at his request,
Have written our names these facts to attest.”

THE PROPOSED CODIFICATION OF OUR COMMON LAW: A paper prepared at the request of the Committee of the Bar Association of the city of New York, appointed to oppose the measure. By James C. Carter, a member of the Committee. New York, 1884.

This is a very learned and interesting essay on the subject of the proposed codification of the common law of the State of New York. Mr. Carter is an earnest opponent of the scheme, and the Bar Association apparently agree with him, as they have directed that three thousand copies of Mr. Carter’s paper be printed and circulated among the members of the Legislature and the Bar of the city and State. We regret that we have not been able to give this pamphlet such a careful examination as it deserves. With us codification is an established fact, and although complaint may be made of obscurity in some parts and omissions in others, yet no one suggests that the Code should be swept away. As Sir James Stephen says, referring to the proposed Criminal Code in England:—“When a sufficient number of judicial decisions have clearly defined a principle, or laid down a rule, an authoritative statutory enactment of that principle or rule superseding the cases on which it depends is a great convenience on many well-known grounds, and especially because it