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legal author, by his treatise upon Municipal Corporations. It is, by the way, a noticeable feature of the industry of the United States Bench, that so many of the judges occupy themselves and benefit the profession by engaging in legal authorship. Among other judges of eminence, there is Judge Cooley, who, besides having on hand a treatise upon Fraud, is the supervising editor of articles pertaining to jurisprudence in a new edition of Appleton's American Cyclopedia. By way of contrast, we observe that Chief Justice Cockburn is relieving the tedium of the Tichborne trial by preparing a series of papers upon that interminable literary puzzle, Junius. One of the distinguishing features of Judge Dillon's journal is the very able summary of the law appended to most of the cases reported therein, by way of notes—as for example in the spring-gun case, which we intend to republish; also a department entitled, "Notes and Queries," for the disentanglement of knotty points of law. We extract from some of the numbers articles relating to Canadian case-law, as expounded in Quebec, which will be found elsewhere. We wish our new contemporary a long and successful career.

THE WASHINGTON LAW REPORTER, (weekly). Washington, D.C.: Powell & Suick, Publishers.

This publication is intended mainly to supply decisions hitherto unreported of cases determined in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and so to afford to the Washington bar the means of ready reference to local precedent. It contains besides legal information and discussions of general interest, and herein affords another example of the wonderful development of legal journalism in the United States. To this source the *Law Magazine and Review* traces the excellence of American lawyers as jurists; and in this aspect periodicals such as the present, published at the Federal capital, wield great influence and accomplish great good.

THE SOUTHERN LAW REVIEW. January, 1874. Nashville: Frank T. Reid, & Co., Publishers.

This quarterly is always welcome to us, the more so that it mingles law and litera-

ture in its columns. The present number contains very pleasant reading in the reminiscences of English Judges in 1807, consisting of extracts from the diary of Chief Justice Taylor of North Carolina, during a visit to England in that year, and the racy article of Mr. Hill on "How the law has fared in literature." The more severe articles, particularly that on the rule in Shelley's case, are well written and maintain the high legal character of this excellent Review.

BLACKWOOD AND THE BRITISH QUARTERLIES. Leonard Scott Publishing Co., 140 Fulton Street, New York, U.S.

The first number of Blackwood for the year 1874 comes in larger type and on a larger page, a great improvement, and more like the original Ebony.

"The Parisians," by Bulwer, is finished—a remarkable book, which will perhaps be more appreciated ten years hence than now. "The story of Valentine and his Brother" promises well.

We also find the second number of "International Vanities," treating of "Forms." It tells of the wording of diplomatic and other documents and the languages in which they are written, and is interspersed with quotations showing the style of royal letters, treaties, etc.

The other articles are "John Stuart Mill, an autobiography," "The Indian Mutiny: Sir Hope Grant"—and the usual political article, etc. The number is an exceedingly good one in every way.

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Meaning of "Cause of Action."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CANADA LAW JOURNAL

SIR,—You have recently been discussing the meaning of the phrase "cause of action," in the 44th section of the Common Law Procedure Act, and several recent cases upon its construction. You say that our Court of Queen's Bench in *McGiverin v. James*, 33 U. C. Q. B. 203, follows the decision of the Queen's Bench in England in *Cherry v. Thompson*, L. R. 7 Q. B. 573, and think that the whole cause of action must arise