

extravagance has ended in utter lunacy. As a rule, no restraint should be placed on his or her actions—for the law should contemplate thriftlessness in women as well as in men—beyond the control of property, which, unless preserved, would be wasted in vice and folly. The spendthrift should be allowed to contract matrimony, under certain conditions; his legitimate tastes should be gratified; but the law should take good care that no more money is placed within his reach than is required for the ordinary and rational needs of civilized existence.—*Irish Law Times*.

Reviews and Notices of Books.

Law of Foreign Corporations. A Discussion of the Principles of Private International Law, and of Local Statutory Regulation applicable to Foreign Companies. By William L. Murfree, jr., of the St. Louis Bar. St. Louis, Mo.: Central Law Journal Company, Law Publishers, and Publishers of the *Central Law Journal*, 1893.

This book commences with a preface which is so modest in tone, and withal so short and to the point, that one is favourably impressed at the outset, and such examination as we have been able to give to the work leads us to think that no apology is necessary either for its existence, or for the way in which the author has done his work.

The commercial relations between citizens of various countries are now so intimate, and so much money is being invested from time to time by capitalists of one country in property situated or business done in another, that the volume of case law on the subject of foreign corporations is becoming very great. As the author states, the subject has necessarily received, in general works on private corporations, but cursory and insufficient treatment, and it is well to have a volume devoted to the discussion of private international law, and the mutual relations which exist and questions which arise between foreign corporations and citizens of the home country.

This work is divided into the following chapters: (1) The Rule of Comity; (2) Statutes regulating Foreign Companies;