

BOOK REVIEWS.—ARTICLES OF INTEREST IN COTEMPORARY JOURNALS.

I hope, Mr. Editor, that this grievance will be redressed ere long, and thanking you for publishing this, we are,

Yours truly,
LAW STUDENTS.

BOOK REVIEW.

BLACKSTONE'S COMMENTARIES for the use of students-at-law and the general reader, by Marshall D. Ewell, LL.D., Professor in the Union College of Law, Chicago. Boston: Soule & Bugbee, 1882.

What Mr. Leith has done for the Canadian student in relation to real property, Mr. Ewell has done for the Anglo-Saxon student in connection with this the best known of all text books. So far as we have been able to judge, obsolete and unimportant matter is omitted, the paging of the original has been inserted, and as a rule the exact language of the author retained. The book presents an appearance of compactness and convenience which renders it attractive and less like a dry text book. Masters would do well to encourage their students by the occasional present of some standard text book, and could not do better than begin with Ewell's Blackstone.

THE ADMIRALTY DECISIONS of Sir Wm. Young, Kt., LL.B., Judge of the Court of Vice-Admiralty for the Province of Nova Scotia, and late Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, 1865-1880. Edited by James M. Oxley, LL.B., B.A., Barrister-at-Law, Editor of the "Nova Scotia Decisions." Toronto: Carswell & Co., Law Book Publishers, 1882.

We have received "The Admiralty Decisions" of Sir Wm. Young, Judge of the Court of Vice-Admiralty for the Province of Nova Scotia, and late Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The volume, one of over 300 pages, contains the decisions of the above judge during a period of fifteen years—from 1865 to 1880. A long felt want by those of the profession practising in the Maritime Court has thus been supplied, and these Reports are sure to be appreciated by them. Sir Wm. Young has been always known as a conscientious and painstaking judge, and a perusal of his judgments now reported will show a vast amount of research, and a great deal of careful preparation by the learned judge.

The compilation of the present volume was undertaken by Mr. Oxley, Barrister, of Halifax,

and editor of "The Nova Scotia Decisions," and "contains," as the preface informs us, "all the judgments of permanent value delivered by Sir Wm. Young, and will be found to embrace decisions upon many of the most important questions of principle and practice falling within the jurisdiction of such a court." From Mr. Oxley's well known abilities in this line we would expect to find, what we do find in this work, evidences of great care in its compilation. The head notes are particularly clear, and all that could be desired. The paper and type, too, are of excellent quality; and a most creditable volume has thus been added to our Canadian Reports.

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