
Book Reviews.

A Collection of Legal Maxims, Classified and illustrated by Herbert Broom, LL.D., seventh edition, by Herbert F. Manisty, LL.B., and Herbert Chitty, M.A., barristers-at-Law: London; Sweet & Maxwell, Limited, 3 Chancery Lane, Law Publishers.

The first edition of this book was published in 1845, and obtained a wide circulation as a text-book for students. Five editions were produced by Dr. Broom himself and a sixth edition two years after his death was published by Mr. Manisty and Mr. Cagney. The main idea of the work is to present under the heading of maxims certain leading principles of English law, and to illustrate some of the ways in which those principles have been applied by reference to a selection of reported cases. The author's idea has been maintained in this the last edition. Whilst more particularly used by students, this work is often found very helpful to the practicing barrister, and is of course a standard work without which no law library would be complete. The editors acknowledge valuable assistance from a copy of the second edition noted up by Lord Lindley and kindly lent to them by him.

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This number of this excellent periodical contains the following articles: Solicitors and Reform—Notes on the Early History of Legal Studies in England—Privileged communications, husband and wife—Suzerainty, mediæval and modern—Criminal statistics, 1898, in which the writer comes to the conclusion that crime is, on the whole, diminishing; We must say, however, the reasoning does not seem to us to warrant the conclusion. Another article discusses the limited liability of landlords, where the ground is taken that landlords should be held to impliedly warrant fitness for habitation of their premises during the whole of the hiring, and be made liable for damage resulting from every cause directly attributable to the condition of the premises, not due to any omission or act on the part of the tenant.

Flotsam and Jetsam.

A new military prison chaplain was recently appointed in a certain town in Scotland, and entering one of the cells on his first round of inspection, he, with much pomposity, thus addressed the prisoner who occupied it: "Well, sir, do you know who I am?" "No, nor I dinna care," was the nonchalant reply. "Well, I'm your new chaplain." "Oh, ye are; well, I hae heard o' ye before." "And what did you hear?" returned the chaplain, his curiosity getting the better of his dignity. "Well, I heard that the last twa kirks ye were in ye preached them baith empty, but I'll be hanged if ye find it such an eary matter to do the same here."—*Argonaut*.