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with scarcely the possibility even of any money return.

We notice a very useful calendar at the beginning of the volume, giving the times and order of the various proceedings that are to take place in the municipal year pursuant to the Act.

We congratulate an old and staunch friend of this journal upon this his last publication. The matter of it is good, and the manner in which it is given, as regards the preparation for the press, the Index, verification of cases, etc., is equally creditable to those who had charge of that part of the work.

THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUITY, INTENDED FOR THE USE OF STUDENTS AND THE PROFESSION. By the late EDMUND HENRY TURNER SNELL, of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-law. Third Edition. By John Richard Griffith, of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-law. London: Stevens & Haynes, Law Publishers, Bell Yard, Temple Bar, 1874. pp. 596.

This work is now too well known to require much reference to it. It is only two years since the second edition was published, and the third edition is now before us.

The simple and reliable statement of Equity principles in the first edition of the work commanded a favorable reception from the start. Unfortunately, the author did not live to see his work reach the second edition. But it is well for the reputation of the book that it has found an editor so able to realize the inspiration of the author and so faithful to his trust as Mr. John Richard Griffith.

The present edition contains the more important Equity decisions, including those of the current year; and the various acts of Parliament affecting Equitable doctrines passed since the last edition of the work, are also referred to or incorporated in the text.

In these days, when great efforts are made both in England and here to fuse law and equity, we cannot do better than recommend such of our Common Law friends as have not read the work, to give it a careful perusal. We know of no better introduction to the Principles of Equity. While affording to the student an

insight to principles of which as yet he is not master, it places at the service of those familiar with the doctrines of Equity the most recent cases establishing or qualifying well understood principles.

PRINCIPLES OF CONVEYANCING—AN ELEMENTARY WORK FOR THE USE OF STUDENTS. By HENRY C. DEANE, of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-law. London: Stevens & Haynes, Law Publishers, Bell Yard, Temple Bar, 1874. pp. 474.

Law is a science, and, like other sciences, must be studied by ascertaining the principles which regulate it. No man is born a lawyer. Some men are born with an aptitude to learn the science of law. The most successful student is he who begins by mastering principles.

Watkins on Conveyancing has been for very many years the student's book on this very important branch of the legal curriculum. But for thirty years there has not been anew edition of it published.

Now, as law is a progressive science, a text book thirty years old can scarcely be a safe guide. The changes wrought during that time by acts of the Legislature and decisions of the Court are so many and so various, that old text-books become worse than useless.

We have been at a loss to understand why it is that no new edition of Watkins on Conveyancing has been recently issued. Perhaps one reason is that it would be so laden with notes as to obscure and bear down the original text.

Under these circumstances we think Mr. Deane has acted wisely in writing a new work. His object is "to present to the student an elementary view of the various forms of ownership of land which exist at the present day, and next, to examine the simpler forms of conveyance used in transferring land from one person to another."

The author has a good reputation as a real property lawyer. He has been recently reappointed lecturer to the Incorporated Law Society of the United Kingdom. This in itself is some guarantee of his ability. The second part of his work comprises in substance, lectures delivered