

REVIEWS.

A TREATISE ON THE AMERICAN LAW OF REAL PROPERTY.—By Emory Washburn, LL.D., Professor of Law in Harvard University. Boston: Little, Brown & Co.

We have little more than glanced through this work. The subject of which it treats being of such importance we are not prepared in this number, and without giving it a more careful perusal, to review it as fully as we should wish to do.

We can however, form a sufficient judgment of the merits of the work to say that the author seems fully to understand how to treat his subject so as to render it equally valuable as a text book for the student and a book of reference for the practitioner.

There can be no question but that a work of this kind is needed owing to the great changes which the Law of Real Property has undergone of late years. A glance at the heads of its contents is sufficient to satisfy us that it will be found a most useful book in the library of a Canadian Lawyer. "The work is divided into three books, the first embracing the nature and quality of estates in corporeal hereditaments, with their qualities and characteristics; the second treating of incorporeal hereditaments their nature and characteristics, and the third presenting in outline the titles by which real property may be acquired and held and the rules of its transmission and transfer."

The following comprise some of the titles of the subjects treated of in the first volume—Nature and classification of Real Property—Estates in Fee simple—Estates tail—Estates for life—Estates by courtesy—Dower—Jointure—Estates during coverture—Joint Estates—Estates for execution—Mortgages.

The name of the publishers is a sufficient guarantee that the work is typographically well executed.

THE MONTHLY LAW REPORTER; Edited by George P. Sanger. Boston: Walker, Wise & Co.

Each number of the Reporter contains short articles on legal topics of general interest, discussions of mooted points of law, full reports of cases not reported elsewhere, abstracts of all cases of importance in the principal courts, Federal and State; full abstracts of all English cases of use in the United States; Reports of Revenue cases, Treasury decisions in Revenue matters, State legislation, &c. The publication was commenced in 1837, and has since been attended with a pretty fair measure of success. Every number contains 64 pages, handsomely printed on good paper, making annually a volume of 768 pages. Twenty-two volumes have been completed. The subscription is only \$3 per annum.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE—September number. New York: Leonard, Scott & Co. Contents—1. A Sketch of the Life and Character of Sir Robert Peel; 2. The Romance of Agostini; 3. Great wits—mad wits; 4. King Arthur and his round table; 5. The Struggle at Melazzo; 6. The Tower of London; 7. Norman Sinclair.

The first is an elaborate and truthful sketch of the life of the great man whose name it bears. The mark which he made on the page of history was one of no ordinary size. His life and his services will not soon be forgotten. The second is the commencement of what is described as a true story of modern Rome. It is likely to be widely read, and so far as we can judge from the portion given is worthy of extensive perusal. The third takes for its text the saying, "Great wits to madness nearly are allied," and its aim is to prove that genius is health and strength, not disease and weakness. The lives of many illustrious men are noticed in proof of this position, and the whole article is not only very readable, but one of unusual interest, and is characterized by much depth of reasoning. The fourth does not require much

description from us as it speaks for itself. We may however mention that the object of the writer is to show that antiquarian hero worship is unreal. The fifth is a description of the thrilling scenes now being performed in the theatre of Italian liberty, and is greatly in praise of the well-known Garibaldi. The sixth is an entertaining history of what is well known in history "the grim old building on the Thames," the Tower of London, the place of many a harrowing scene—whose walls, if gifted with language, could tell more than ever pen has described or pencil depicted. The seventh is a Romance which is being published in the pages of "Blackwood" by an unknown author, and is said to be well worth reading.

THE CHRISTIAN EXAMINER, September, 1860. Boston: Walker Wise & Co., 245 Washington Street.

This is a very able expositor of what is conceived to be scriptural truth. The leaning of the publication is decidedly Unitarian, and yet many papers which are contributed to its pages may be read by all denominations, and are not calculated to give offence to any denomination. Of these, "Paul's argument for the abolition of the Law," and "The Woman of Thackeray," in the number before us, are two such papers. The remaining papers are intitled, Dr. Huntington's Introduction to Bickersteith; Leslie; German Hymns; St. Augustine at Kepo. We are very glad to be able to add this sterling publication to the list of our exchanges.

THE ECLECTIC MAGAZINE for October, 1860. New York: W. H. Bidwell, is received.

It opens with a portrait of Garibaldi, by Sartain. It is said to be from an original photograph, and to be true to life. If so, Garibaldi must be as handsome as he is energetic and determined. The portrait, now that the name of the original is on every tongue, is most opportune. The letter-press of the number is as follows: 1. The Protestant and Catholic Revolt; 2. The Patrimony of St. Peter; 3. William Caldwell Roscoe's Poetry; 4. Garibaldi, his life and times; 5. On the importance of energy in life; 6. Vonved the Dane; 7. Cayenne, a penal colony; 8. Dr. Krapf's travels in Eastern Africa; 9. Baron Humboldt's letters; 10. Imaginative literature; 11. Expected return of the Comet of Charles the Fifth; 12. The great Armada fight; 13. Concerning summer days; 14. Footfalls on the boundary of another world; 15. The great eclipse in Spain.

THE LOWER CANADA REPORTS: Quebec, Augustin Coté.

We have received Nos. 7 and 8 of Vol. 10, of these reports. They contain the reports of thirteen decided cases, of which one *Moutizambert v. Gervais* is of great public importance both in Upper and Lower Canada. It was an appeal from a judgment rendered in the Superior Court of Quebec and determines on general principles and in general terms, that a Registrar of titles is responsible for the damages caused by his negligence, whether the loss arises out of his neglect to enregister a title or by reason of an insufficient certificate of title given by him.

THE LOWER CANADA JURIST: Montreal, John Lovell.

We have received several numbers of this publication and shall be glad to receive it more regularly; we do not know the cause of the irregularity whether it is the time of publication or rests entirely with the post-office authorities. We recommend the enterprising Mr. John Lovell, to make proper inquiries into the matter.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

M. JOHN HOLGATE, and JAMES F. ELLIOTT—Under "Division Courts" pp. 230, 231. J. A. Dunnville.—Received too late for this number, will be answered in our next.

SEMPER FIDELIS.—The publication of your letter would serve no good purpose. Therefore declined.