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The editors of the *Albany Law Journal*, the *Chicago Legal News*, and the *American Law Review* have made their adieux to their readers, preparatory to a vacation trip to Europe. It may perhaps be supposed that legal journalism is not so arduous a vocation as to require a long intermission. But the profits of legal journalism, even in the large field afforded by the United States, being insufficient for the existence of those who devote themselves to it, its labors are merely super-added as an accessory to an otherwise toilsome career, and we cordially hope our contemporaries will enjoy the rest to which they are so well entitled. We take the opportunity to add that during the approaching vacation we may for the first time probably be where postal facilities will do little to assist the issue of the *Legal News*, and some delay in the publication of vacation numbers may consequently occur. As a great many of our readers will be away from their offices during the same period, this will not make a material difference. The numbers in arrear will appear in due course after our return.

The inconvenience occasioned by the reconstruction of a building in actual use as a court house was forcibly presented a few days ago in Montreal. One learned judge was engaged in a consultation with a colleague in chambers, when a brick fell from above, and chancing to find an opening in the ceiling of the apartment occupied by the judges, continued its descent until it lighted at their feet. A slight difference in the position of the occupants of the room might have brought about a vacancy on the bench of the Superior Court.

Ex-President Cleveland, in an address to young lawyers, advises them as follows:—
"If I were to tender any advice to young men in the legal profession or contemplating such a career, I think I could not refrain from asking them to dismiss from their minds the idea that the practice of the law is made up

in an important degree of oratory and eloquent addresses before Courts and juries. No one should enter this profession who is not prepared to do very hard, continuous, and often irksome work. I shall follow this advice by saying that there is no mistake about another fact—to wit: In the practice of law, as in everything else, honesty, and frank fair dealing, is not only enjoined by good morals, but is the best policy. It is a delusion to suppose that the noble profession of the law can be faithfully pursued or successfully practised by trickery and over-reaching subterfuges."

NEW PUBLICATION.

JURISPRUDENCE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL, by Mr. J. J. Beauchamp, B.C.L., Advocate.—
Montreal, A. Periard, Law Publisher.

Mr. Beauchamp, in the book before us, has undertaken a very considerable work. He has attempted, in one volume, to give a digest of all the decisions of the Privy Council. He gives more than the ordinary head notes, extracts from opinions being often included. There is also a sketch of the history of the tribunal; notes on the constitution of the Judicial Committee; a summary of its procedure, with appendices. The convenience of having a ready reference to this vast body of law is apparent. The decisions referred to are scattered over a great number of volumes. With the decision, the date of the judgment is given, reference is made to the full report, and to the names of the Courts appealed from. The remarks of their lordships referring to the principles of law which govern the case are also cited. The Judicial Committee, the author remarks, was created in 1833, by 3 & 4 William IV. Since that date the statute has been so amended as to render the notes here given very useful to the understanding of its present constitution and jurisdiction. The first of the appendices contains the names of all the British colonies, indicating the nature and origin of their civil laws. The second contains notes of all the decisions of the Court of Queen's Bench, appeal side, for the Province of Quebec, rendered under the articles of the Code of Civil Procedure on appeals to the Privy Council.