

Changes in the law of husband and wife; Notes on Maine's ancient law, by the editor. As to the article on husband and wife, one is not surprised at the conclusion the writer arrives at, namely, that "the subject wants revising not so much by amended details as by being put on a consistent basis with consistent underlying principles. That a woman ought to have great responsibility, that she ought to have no responsibility whatever; that the spouses must not contemplate separation, that a wife shall be perfectly free to leave her husband if she wishes; that one or other or both ought to be liable for the expenses of their joint household, that neither of them need be, are contradictory propositions for each of which the cases and statutes quoted above stand as authority." The writer very reasonably submits that such bewildering paradoxes "would be out of place in the law of any country at any time, and, a fortiori, in England at the opening of the twentieth century."

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## Bench and Bar.

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### ENGLAND.

Mr. John Fletcher Moulton, K.C., has been appointed Lord Justice of Appeal in succession to Lord Justice Mathew, retired. This appointment is said to be above criticism in every respect. It has also been remarked that as a result of this promotion, one-half of the Court of Appeal now consists of Senior Wranglers, which takes the sting out of the old gibe that no Senior Wrangler is good for anything in life but higher mathematics.

### ONTARIO.

His Honour John E. Harding, junior judge of the County Court of the County of Victoria, to be judge of the said County Court in place of Judge Dean, deceased.

Hugh MacMillan of the City of Guelph, barrister-at-law, to be junior judge of the above County Court in place of Judge Harding, promoted.

George Edward Deroche, of Deseronto, barrister-at-law, to be judge of the County Court of the County of Hastings in place of Judge Lazier, deceased.

The above appointments bear date February 3rd, 1906.