

CORRESPONDENCE—REVIEWS.

Invaders of the Profession.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LAW JOURNAL :

SIR,—During the last year I have noticed that you have referred in your journal to some peculiar “professional cards;” but I think that none of them are equal to one which came under my own observation a short time ago. It appeared in two of our country newspapers, and is as follows :

J. A. H., Notary Public, Conveyancer Life Insurance Agent, Accountant, &c., law business matters attended to. Office next door to J. F. D. N. B.—As it may not be generally known, the public are therefore respectfully notified that the law gives to the above named the exclusive right of conveyancing in this locality. And any infraction of the same is subject to penalty.

E., April 24, 1877.

This has been published for three months, immediately succeeding Mr. H.’s appointment as a Notary Public. The phraseology is, to me at least, quite unintelligible. For instance, I do not know whether or not, “law business matters” is a more comprehensive term than “legal business,” and I am just as much in the dark as to what the bounds of this locality may be, and what the penalty is which would follow an infraction of Mr. H.’s right. If you could elucidate some of these points, you would much oblige,

Yours truly,

STUDENT-AT-LAW.

[The number of persons likely to be intimidated by such a trick as this is doubtless very limited, and the advertiser is probably too well known in his own locality to require at our hands a label of “mad dog,” or “this ferocious animal is quite harmless;” but we would suggest that the attention of the Attorney-General should be called to his dishonest, though absurd pretension, for it is evident he is not a proper person to be entrusted with the office of a Notary Public.—Eds. L. J.]

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THE INSOLVENT ACT OF 1875 AND AMENDING ACTS. Annotated by S. R. Clarke, Esq., of Osgoode Hall, Barrister-at-Law. Toronto : R. Carswell.

This work will supersede, to a great extent, the annotated editions of the Insolvent Act by Mr. Edgar and Mr. Macmahon. It contains the Amended Acts and brings the cases down to a later date and much more care and research have been bestowed in its preparation than in the previous works on the same subject. Mr. Clarke has most industriously collected and carefully arranged a mass of cases selected from a variety of sources ; he has not merely done this, but has not been afraid to express his own opinion on points of doubt or difficulty, evidently after a full consideration of the authorities. From the wide range of the editor’s research, his book will be of equal value in all the Provinces of this Dominion, for not only does he refer to the cases reported in their various courts, but gives other useful information, *ex gr.* as to articles exempt from seizure under different Provincial statutes, lists of official assignees in Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and British Columbia, &c. We can fancy also that this volume will find considerable sale in such places in the United States as do business to any extent with Canada. Mr. Clarke has succeeded in producing a book which shews him to be a careful and industrious annotator well acquainted with the subject before him. The book will be of much practical use both to his professional brethren and to the large number of business men, such as official assignees, &c., whose duties require them to become familiar with the working of the Insolvent Acts.

CHANGES IN CIRCUITS.

The Autumn Assizes will begin at London on Tuesday, the 23rd October, instead of Tuesday, the 4th September, as stated in our last number, the commission day having been since changed.