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VACATION AND TERM.—THEIR ORIGIN.

TIME :

Orl.—"Who stays it still withal?"

Ros.—"With lawyers in the vacation for they sleep between term and term and they perceive not how time moves."

AS YOU LIKE IT.

PERHAPS the earnest law student is the last man in the world who has time to unravel the myriads of little mysteries constantly encountered in the study of the law. Nor is it absolutely necessary, provided he occupy his time in training his mind to grasp the great principles of law and their application that he should exhaust his nerve centres in mastering all the trifling incidentals. He may submit to being befogged by incomprehensible snatches of Norman French—often snipped from the preambles of musty old statutes—with impunity. Many a time when perusing the involved sentences of some old text writer he would fain come *de profundis* into the light, but his confusion is sure to be worse confounded by a free libation of Church Latin poured from the pages of some old ecclesiastic whose justice would have been tempered with mercy had subsequent text writers clothed it in the less fashionable garb of unpretending English. Often in such cases would the impulse be to slam the book together, cry aloud *obscurum per obscurius!* and dash Tom I. or Tom