

REVIEWS.

Speaking of the cases, Mr. Wallace says, "Like Lombard, Tothill and a few similar works, this volume is one which these great cases that occur from time to time and stimulate inquiry into the very foundations of legal science will occasionally call forth, and it ought therefore to be in every public law library."

There were two antique editions of the work, the first bearing date 1652, in which the practice unfolded ends at page 100. There is then a break in the paging, "Choyce Cases" beginning at page 113 and ending at page 188. In the 1672 edition, the "Choyce Cases" begin at page 105 and end at page 180. The reprint is from the edition of 1672, "printed for Abel Roper, at the sign of the 'Sun,' in Fleet Street, against St. Dunstan's Church."

The anonymous author of it, speaking of his own performance, said: "Courteous Reader. The title of this Book promiseth much, yet I dare assure thee no more than the body of it will afford. And although something of this subject hath been heretofore printed, yet (without prejudice to them) I may bolde say that none hath traced the path of truth so fully and clearly (in the particulars mentioned in the title) as the Composer of the ensuing discourse hath done. But knowing the proverb that *verbum sapienti sat*, and taking thee (reader) for one of that stamp, I am resolved not to forestall thy Judgment by further commendations of that which (being read and understood) will sufficiently commend itself. However, I shall desire thee to pardon and excuse the erratas (for without doubt there will be some) of the Transcriber and Printer; in confidence of which courtesie, I will give thee passage out of this short entry into the fairhouse of the following Tract. Vale."

We shall imitate the plan of the author and bring our remarks to a close, taking the reader, gentle or otherwise, to be one of the stamp described by the author—a stamp of readers not yet extinct, and many of whom, residents in Canada, are subscribers to the *Canada Law Journal*.

This volume, in paper, type and binding (like "Bellewe's Cases") is a *fac-simile* of the antique edition. All who buy the one should buy the other. They are companion volumes—of modern birth,

but very old faces—so old as to deceive "Old Antiquity" himself, if alive.

REPORTS OF CASES ARGUED AND ADJUDGED IN THE COURT OF KING'S BENCH, in the Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Years of King George the Second, during which time the Right Honourable the Earl of Hardwicke was Lord Chief Justice of that Court. By T. Cunningham. The third edition, revised and corrected by Thomas Townsend Bucknill, of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-Law. London: Stevens & Haynes, Bell Yard, Temple Bar, 1871. In 8vo., price £3 3s., calf antique.

The reasons which led Messrs. Stevens & Haynes to reprint "Bellewe's Cases" and "Choyce Cases in Chancery," have induced them to continue the re-issue of the English Reporters, and to select Cunningham's Reports as the third of the series.

These cases were taken by a gentleman of considerable business at the Bar of the King's Bench, during the time Lord Hardwicke presided in that Court. They were afterwards perused and approved by some persons eminent in the law, by whose advice and under whose inspection the editor committed them to the press.

Several of the cases in the volume were reprinted in Ridgeway's Seventh Modern, and Strange, but the Reports of Cunningham are, in the words of the advertisement, "fuller and more circumstantial, both in the state of the facts and in the arguments of the bar and the bench."

The reporter, in his preface, a modestly remarks: "As these cases are published without any recommendation of authority, they have nothing to rely on but their own intrinsic worth, whatever it is; and that, it is hoped, will be sufficient to support them, as it has done some books which came into the world as naked and friendless as this; but which soon broke through the obscurity of their birth by the lustre of their merit, and are now of established reputation, recognized by every Court of Judicature in the Kingdom; so universally true it is (what was said by a very great man, the highest living ornament of the law) that every case well reported speaks for itself, and reason is the best authority, and indeed in