

Courts, has been greatly needed, and we are glad to notice the timely appearance of this valuable and truly useful work. Judge Gowan has here rendered signal service to all connected with the Local Courts, or interested in their efficient working, by placing within their reach the means of easy reference to the Statutes, Rules and Forms, now in force. Practitioners and Officers, as well as Suitors, will find very great assistance from the "Analytical Index." For sale by Maclear & Co., Toronto; and at the *Colonist* office, King-street, Toronto. Price 1s. 10½d.

**Professional Ethics**—by GEORGE SHARSWOOD. Philadelphia: T. & W. Johnson, Law Booksellers, 195, Chestnut-street. 1855.

This work, being "a Compend of Lectures on the Aims and Duties of the Profession of the Law, delivered before the Law Class of the University of Pennsylvania," is from the pen of The Honorable Judge Sharswood, Professor of the Institutes of Law, in that University, and has issued from the press of the Messrs. Johnson, to whom we beg to acknowledge its receipt.

Mr. Sharswood is already known to the Profession in this Province, as well as the United States, by the many works which he has so ably edited. This,—though from its size (pp. 120) the subject, in itself of great magnitude, is necessarily cursorily treated,—is a work which, taking as its basis the necessity of high moral principle in members of the Profession, commands much respect and attention. Want of space prevents the extracts in which we should otherwise wish to indulge; one however, will shew the sound views advanced by Mr. Sharswood:

Of the *morale* of the Profession, the following excellent remarks are made, (p. 94):

"Let it be remembered and treasured in the heart of every student, that no man can ever be a truly great lawyer, who is not, in every sense of the word, a good man. A lawyer, without the most sterling integrity, may shine for a while with meteoric splendor; but, depend upon it, his light will soon go out in blackness of darkness. It is not in every man's power to rise to eminence, by distinguished abilities. It is in every man's power, with few exceptions, to attain respectability, competence, and usefulness. The temptations, which beset a young man in the outset of his Professional life, especially if he is in absolute dependence upon business for his subsistence, are very great. The strictest principles of integrity and honor, are his only safety. Let him begin by swerving from truth or fairness, in small particulars, he will find his character gone—whispered away, before he knows it. Such an one may not indeed be irrecoverably lost; but it will be years, before he will be able to regain a firm foothold. There is no profession, in which moral character is so soon fixed as in that of the law; there is none, in which it is subjected to severer scrutiny by the public. It is well, that it is so. The things we hold dearest on earth,—our fortunes, reputations, domestic peace, the future of those dearest to us, nay, our liberty and life itself, we confide to the integrity of our legal counsellors and advocates. Their character must be not only without a stain, but without suspicion. From the very commencement of your career, then, cultivate, above all things, truth, simplicity, and candor; they are the cardinal virtues of a lawyer. Always seek to have a clear understanding of your subject; be sure it is honest and right, and then march directly to it. The covert, indirect, and insidious way of doing anything, is always the wrong way. It gradually hardens the moral faculties, renders obtuse the perception of right and wrong in human actions, weighs everything in the balances of worldly policy, and ends most generally in the practical adoption of the vile maxim, 'that the end sanctifies the means.' If it be true, as he has said, who, more than any mere man, before or since his day, understood the depths of human character, that one even may,

'By telling of it,  
Make such a sinner of his memory;  
To credit his own lie?'

be careful never to speak or act without regard to the *morale* of your words or actions. The habit may and will grow to be a second nature."

In the appendix is given a chapter on the Course of Legal Study. This embraces a much larger field than that prescribed by the Law Society of Upper Canada in their new Rules of Trinity Term, 1854, for the examination of students, whether "for Honors" or otherwise, on application for call to the Bar. Nevertheless, the suggestions made in this chapter may well be adopted with great benefit to the Student.

We recommend the book to the careful perusal of every young Barrister; and cannot but think that those, also, who have Students in the Law under their tuition would discharge some portion of the responsibility which is assumed with the Student, were they to present a copy to each one under their professional care, taking additional precaution to ascertain that the work is duly digested.

## APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE, &c.

### COUNTY JUDGE.

JOHN GUSTAVUS STEVENSON, of Osgoode Hall, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, to be Judge of the County and Surrogate Courts of the County of HALDIMAND, in the room of Bernard Foley, Esquire, deceased.—[Gazetted 27th January, 1855.]

### CLERK OF THE PEACE.

JAMES WALTER KERR GRAHAM, of Cayuga, Esq., to be Clerk of the Peace, County of HALDIMAND, in the room of John G. Stevenson, Esquire, resigned.—[Gazetted 27th January, 1855.]

### NOTARIES PUBLIC IN U. C.

THOMAS FORTYE, of Peterboro', Esquire, to be a Notary Public in U. C. [Gazetted 27th January, 1855.]

ROBERT GEORGE BARRETT, of Toronto, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, to be a Notary Public in U. C.—[Gazetted 3rd February, 1855.]

JOHN COOKMAN, of Allanville, Township of Peel, Gentleman, and WILLIAM DAVIS ARDAGH, of Toronto, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, to be Notaries Public in U. C.—[Gazetted 10th February, 1855.]

### CORONERS.

CHARLES GRAHAM SACHE, of Perth, and JAMES ATCHISON, of South Elyshley, M.D., Esquires, to be Associate Coroners for the United Counties of Lanark and Renfrew.—[Gazetted 10th February, 1855.]

### COMMISSIONER IN U. C.

SAMUEL SOLMES, of North Port, Esquire, to be a Commissioner for the protection of Indian Lands in Upper Canada, from trespass and injury.—[Gazetted 10th February, 1855.]

### LAW SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA,

Osgoode Hall.

The following Gentlemen were called to the degree of BARRISTER-AT-LAW, in the Hilary Term, 18th Vic. :—Francis Evans Cornish and Henry Macpherson, on 5th February; Samuel Bickerton Harman, William Davis Ardagh, and Samuel Jonathan Lane, on 13th February.

On Tuesday, 6th February, the following gentlemen were admitted as Law Students:—

In the UNIVERSITY CLASS.—Messieurs Caleb Elias English, B.A., and Thomas Wardlow Taylor, B.A.: in the Senior Class, Mr. Thomas Hodgins; in the Junior Class, Messieurs Abraham Diamond, Valentine Phelan, Samuel Lount, Joseph Henry Nelles, John Wedgwood Bowlby, Featherston Osler, William Irvine Stanton, John Wilson, and Oscar Hodges.

### SPRING ASSIZE LIST FOR 1855.

#### Eastern Circuit.

The Hon. Mr. Justice RICHARDS.

Perth—Monday, 16th April.

Brockville—Tuesday, 24th April.

City of Ottawa—Monday, 30th April.

1, Original—Wednesday, 9th May.

Cornwall—Monday, 14th May.

#### Midland Circuit.

The Hon. Mr. Justice BURNS.

Whitby—Wednesday, 21st March.

Cobourg—Monday, 26th March.

Peterboro—Monday, 9th April.

Bellefleur—Friday, 13th April.

Pictou—Wednesday, 25th April.

Kingston—Monday, 30th April.

[In consequence of the absence of the Chief Justice in England, his circuit is taken by the other Judges as follows:]

#### Home Circuit.

The Hon. Mr. Justice DRAPER.

Niagara—Monday, 12th March.

The Hon. Mr. Justice McLEAN.

Cayuga—Friday, 10th April.

The Hon. Mr. Justice RICHARDS.

Sydenham—Wednesday, 14th March.

The Hon. Mr. MACAULAY, C.J.C.P.

Barrie—Tuesday, 3rd April.

The Hon. Mr. Justice BURNS.

Milton—Thursday, 15th March.

Hamilton—Tuesday, 16th May.

#### Oxford Circuit.

The Hon. Mr. Justice DRAPER.

Simcoe—Wednesday, 21st March.

Brantford—Wednesday, 28th March.

Stratford—Thursday, 6th April.

Woodstock—Monday, 9th April.

Guelph—Thursday, 24th May.

Berlin—Tuesday, 24th May.

#### Western Circuit.

The Hon. Mr. Justice McLEAN.

St. Thomas—Tuesday, 17th April.

Goderich—Wednesday, 26th April.

London—Monday, 30th April.

Chatham—Monday, 14th May.

Sandwich—Tuesday, 22nd May.

Sarnia—Tuesday, 29th May.

The Hon. Mr. MACAULAY, C.J.C.P.

City of Toronto, Monday, 7th May.