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Sir Frederick Pollock must be credited with a new departure in law reporting. It will be expected that one so eminent in the field of legal literature will do well and thoroughly whatever he undertakes to do, and there seems to be no reason, judging from the material before us, for apprehending any disappointment in this respect in relation to the series of Reports just launched. They are called "The Reports," and, as he says, are "sent into the world without any adjective at all." They will be cited as "R."

There were great expectations in the minds of the profession when the Incorporated Council of Law Reporting inaugurated the new system of reporting which resulted in the "Law Reports." It is claimed, however, by the learned editor of the *Law Quarterly Review* and the eminent writers in that publication that these expectations have not, in all respects, yet been realized. Mr. Justice Lindley, in an article in the above-named *Review*, gave his views as to what the ideal reports should be. We quote some of his words: "The profession does not want reports of cases valueless as precedents, nor reports of complicated facts when a short condensation of them is all that is necessary to understand the legal principle involved in the decision. This observation applies not only to the reports themselves, but particularly to the headnotes of the cases reported. The legal pith of a case, and nothing more, should appear in its headnote. . . . What the profession wants is law, and such facts only as are necessary to enable the reader of the report to appreciate the law found in the case. . . . As regards the time and form of publication, the profession want the reports published as speedily as possible, good print, good paper, a convenient portable size, convenient arrangement of matter, good indexes, and the lowest price consistent with the payment of the expenses of publication."

There is good reason for saying that the Law Reports have been in many cases far from approaching the standard of excellence which was expected of them, and do not meet the require-