

REVIEW—CORRESPONDENCE.

The enquiry is suggested by an incident which occurred in Osgoode Hall, at the Scholarship Examination, lately. A question arose and opinions differed. One of the students at the request of the others, approached a learned Q. C. hailing from the Ambitious City. He stated his question and how it arose. His Q.C.'ship answered, as an Irishman does, by a question, whether his enquirer came from the country, or had not learned better than to seek information for nothing, and then, did not stay for an answer. Do students deserve such treatment from those to whom they look for at least ordinary courtesy in such matters?

Yours &c.,

A STUDENT.

[We can hardly suppose that the Q. C. knew that the person seeking information was a student asking a *bona fide* question. If he was aware, however, of that fact, we can only in charity suppose that he did not feel competent to answer the question and had not moral courage to say so. There are a few Q. C.'s of that sort in Canada. Eds. L. J.]

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THE DOMINION ANNUAL REGISTER AND REVIEW. Montreal: Dawson Eros, 1879.

This is a new publication edited by Mr. Henry A. Morgan, assisted by the Hon. Wm. Macdougall, C.B., Alex. M. Burgess, Dr. Robt. Bell, John Maclean, and John A. Phillips. Its design is to give to the politician, the journalist, the man of business and the student of history, in an accessible, though necessarily in a condensed form, information of an accurate and reliable character, touching the present political and domestic concerns of the Dominion and its several provinces. The intention is to publish a similar Register annually.

The book, which does not pretend to give any information prior to 1867, appropriately commences with a list of the delegates from the various provinces which culminated in Confederation. This is followed by a short summary of the political events from the 1st July, 1867 to the end of 1877. This is by way

of introduction, for we now come to a review of the political history of the Dominion for the year 1878; and we assume that a similar yearly review will be the main feature of each succeeding volume.

The general reader will be interested by the "Journal of Remarkable occurrences for the year 1878;" and it may here be remarked that there are remarkably few remarkable occurrences in our quiet-going Dominion which strike one as worthy of record, except in a local and personal sense. There will always be in such a journal as this, questions as to whether the selection is always the best that could be made; but we venture to say that the task is one vastly easier to criticise freely than to do satisfactorily. We need only say that the editor has evidently sought to note the items which would be most interesting to the greatest number of readers.

The volume concludes with a sketch of the Vice-Regal reception in 1878, notes on scientific matters for the year, a business retrospect, public appointments, obituary, &c.

The surprise is, not that such a book as this is should be published, but that it was not published years ago. Mr. Morgan who has evidently taken up the subject with his usual industry and intelligence has conferred a favour on the public which doubtless will be fully appreciated.

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Unlicensed Conveyancers.

To the Editor of THE LAW JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR,—I have a difficulty which I desire to bring before you and your readers for a solution. I presume it is useless for the profession to agitate for any restrictions upon the so-called "Conveyancers" that flourish in our land. Assuming this, the next question is whether lawyers are not as a rule too Quixotic in their treatment of this class. To explain my meaning more fully, I will in a few words describe the difficulty I have to meet with. I have been practising law for the last nine years in a country town. Besides myself there are