

REVIEWS.

Outlines of Legal History. By ARCHER M. WHITE, of the Middle Temple and of the Midland Circuit. Swan, Sonnenschein & Co. (Lim.), Paternoster Square, E.C., London, 1895; and The Copp, Clark Co., Toronto.

This is a useful little volume. The author says that he attempts to supply a want which his experience in preparing pupils for legal examinations has convinced him exists. He says truly that a complete history of the English law has yet to be written, and, if written, would fill more than one ponderous volume, and would be beyond the reach of many who may find in the book before us some help in getting an elementary knowledge of legal history.

The book is divided into chapters covering the following points: Principal courts and their history—Minor and obsolete courts—The Saxon legal system—The Norman legal system—Constitutional and general matters—Common law and equity—Criminal law, with appendices, tables and index. The author has succeeded in producing a book which will, though the information is very condensed, interest the student in the "dry bones of past periods of legal evolution."

A Treatise on the Law of Landlord and Tenant. By S. R. CLARKE, Barrister-at-law, Author of "The Criminal Law of Canada," etc.; Toronto, The Carswell Co., (Ltd.), 1895.

The author in his preface says that he has attempted to embody, as nearly as possible, the whole law governing the relations of landlord and tenant, and, in addition to the cases decided in Great Britain and Ireland, he claims to have cited those of the various provinces of the Dominion, with a considerable number from the Australian colonies, also a number of references to American cases, decided in the Courts of last resort during the last few years. He can scarcely have done all that he claims; but he has done a good deal, and given the profession a useful collection of authorities, which would appear to be carefully arranged under appropriate heads. The author, although he refers to, does not discuss the recent Act, which has lately engaged the attention of the legal press, as well as of the judiciary.

The typographical execution of the work does not come up to the standard of the more recent productions of the Toronto publishing houses. The work being, however, on a popular subject, and containing such a large collection of cases, will probably find a ready sale.