

while over the device of the ship passing under the pillars of Hercules he inscribed the sorry couplet :—

" It deserveth not to be read in schools,
But to be freighted in the ship of fools."

However, it seems to be quite in accord with the eternal fitness of things that Bacon should be roasted by Coke, and that, all the better for such roasting, the former is eaten and digested and absorbed by living souls, while the latter, its usefulness being gone, is relegated to the ash heap of forgetfulness.

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We trust that we may be pardoned in venturing to express our satisfaction that the views we briefly expressed in January last as to Sir Henry Maine's status in the pantheon of English jurists are shared by so capable a critic as Mr. Woodrow Wilson. We claimed that to Maine belongs the honour of being the first to bring about an enlightened investigation by English lawyers of the history and philosophy of jurisprudence. In the course of a most instructive monograph upon Maine in the September Atlantic Monthly, entitled "A Lawyer with a Style," Mr. Wilson thus speaks of the great jurist's didactic quality: "It was his suitable part in the world to clarify knowledge, to show it in its large proportions and long significance to those who could see. His mind was an exquisitely tempered instrument of judgment and interpretation. It touched knowledge with a revealing, almost with a creative power, and as if the large relationships of fact and principle were to it the simple first elements of knowledge." The faculty of rendering a theme transpicuous was Maine's punctum saliens as a teacher, and his gift in its fulness is possessed by none of his successors.

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Apropos of lawyers who possess literary style, we recall a remark once made by a reviewer, in the late lamented, but singularly brilliant, "Chap-Book," to the effect that Blackstone and Sir William Jones were the only stylists to be found in the whole literature of the law. When we ventured to