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DURING a recent argument in the Court of Appeal, the court intimated that their judgments delivered in *Blackley v. Kenney* (No. 2), 18 A.R. 125, ought to be reported *in extenso*, as they contained a collection and review of the authorities upon the subject of principal and surety, with special reference to mortgage transactions. The opinion of the court was expressed in the judgments of Osler and MacLennan, JJ.A., and we now give the profession the benefit of them in another place in this issue.

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AMONG the very remarkable volumes published in that remarkable country, the United States, is the recently issued *American Annual Digest*, containing "all the decisions published in this country in the year ending August 31st, 1892." A reviewer of this *Digest* remarks: "So long as every cowboy judge on the limits of civilization thinks it his duty to re-write Blackstone in sections, so long must we endure this torrent of opinion. It is possible now to find in the United States decisions upon every branch of case law; and not only that, but to find a point decided probably both ways. The present volume contains twenty thousand decisions. Practitioners there must devoutly wish that all the case law in the country, barring that of the Supreme Court and a few of the State Courts of Appeals, had been collected in Chicago early in the year 1870, and that its great fire would recur at intervals of, say, ten years." There is, however, something to be said in favour of this great mass of case law, namely, that as there is so much of it practitioners pay very little attention to decided cases, and argue cases on first principles, and are thus also enabled to produce text-books in the first rank of Anglo-Saxon jurisprudence, and freed from the trammels of case law.