

CORRESPONDENCE—EXAMINATION QUESTIONS.

Very probably; they were possibly too smart for our detective force, and of course flew south; "birds of a feather," etc. We have a few more that we should like to present to our cousins south of us. It may be, however, that I am taking in earnest what was meant to be simply funny. When the *Albany Law Journal* makes a joke, the average intellect can fathom and appreciate it. But as for this ponderous joker we fear the Canadian mind is unequal to the task of understanding where his jokes come in; however, I would make an effort, and if possible ascertain the true inwardness of the situation. The title-page gives a clue. The *American L. R.* and the *Southern L. R.*, seem to have come together under one cover under the former title. Can it be that our contemporary is in the condition of a boa constrictor who is in a state of repletion after swallowing a donkey or some other morsel rather too much for his digestion? (This is merely an illustration, and it is immaterial which is the snake, and which the moke.) It really must be difficult to be witty under such circumstances. We presume it is intended as a joke, when the writer says that the gentlemen who have flitted from Canada to the United States, and are there recognized as shining legal luminaries and "prominent figures in our public affairs," might possibly have become Justices of the Peace in the Dominion. The joke here intended is evidently that men only fit for the lowest position in Canada, find their level in the highest position in the United States. This is really very funny, and not to say very complimentary on the part of the writer to the native American. And this is still harder on them when the reference is grammatically, to the "nincompoops" who have been said to be making their way to the States. It is to be hoped the boa will soon digest the moke, or the moke the boa; their present state and the uncertain result is very pitiable. Even the donkey (if his gastric juices should prove to be stronger) might be able to keep the fittest survivor out of trouble. It is of course a side-splitting humourism to speak of a city of over 100,000 inhabitants (referring to the City of Toronto) as a "village." Another joke doubtless comes in where the writer says his language was both "chaste and temperate." This must I think have been before the

struggle for assimilation now going on began. I also note that this journal solicits articles for its columns (the honour of appearing therein being said to be sufficient compensation) from "men at a distance; from Englishmen; we could even endure one from a Canadian, if the general migration to the States has left any talented men in that country." This is also funny, but it would be still funnier if contributors of this kind could be found. It is nip and tuck now between the boa and the moke, but the donkey seems a "leetle ahead," and further dulcet notes may be expected.

Yours, etc.,

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[We owe an apology to our correspondent. His letter should have appeared long ago, but has been crowded out by press of other matter. However, it is good enough not to spoil by keeping.—Ed. C.L.J.]

LAW STUDENTS' DEPARTMENT.

EXAMINATION QUESTIONS.

Equity.

(Honours.)

1. Apart from statutory provision is there any, and if so, what distinction between the liability of a purchaser of land from a trustee under a will, to see to the application of the purchase money, where the trust is for payment of debts generally and his liability therefor when the trust is for payment of specified debts only?
2. A. having by separate instruments mortgaged all his real and personal property, respectively, in fee, dies intestate and without heirs or personal representatives. In whom does the equity of redemption of each respective mortgage vest?
3. The owner of a piece of land rents it for a term of years to A., and then mortgages it in fee to B., who after default in payment serves A. with notice of the mortgage, asking him to attorn, and claiming payment of the rent. The owner also serves A. with a notice alleging that the mortgage was obtained by fraud, forbidding him to attorn and claiming payment of the rent. What course would you advise B. to adopt?