

## BOOK REVIEWS—ARTICLES OF INTEREST.

few in number and inadequate for the defence of the place and of Fort Carleton which are points where large supplies of stores are usually kept. In this situation volunteers were called for, and among those who promptly responded was Elliot. The insurgents having defied the authorities and seized private property the conflict at Duck Lake ensued on 26th March last, when out of thirty-eight volunteers nine were killed on the spot, and several wounded. Elliot had just assisted a wounded comrade into a sleigh, and turned round to resume the conflict when he fell pierced by a ball and died instantly. He had previously been wounded, but not disabled. It appears the volunteers were led into an ambuscade, and thus suffered very severely, much more so than in any succeeding conflict. But no men could have behaved more courageously. It was only when their total destruction was inevitable owing to the vastly superior numbers of the enemy and their hidden position that the remainder of the volunteer force retreated. The Mounted Police who were separated from the volunteers in the fight suffered severely also, but much less than the volunteers. The latter left the bodies of their slain companions on the field, but they were recovered afterwards, and the nine were placed in one grave. Mr. Elliot's brother, Mr. Hume Elliot, after much difficulty, succeeded in recovering the remains of the deceased which were brought to London and there interred. The funeral was a public one. The shops were closed, and every indication of the deepest sympathy and sorrow on the part of the public was exhibited. In the presence of some 20,000 people the body was interred with military honours; not only the Bar, but the City authorities and the Church of England Synod then in session have testified their sense of the courage and devotion which impelled this young member of our profession to go forth at the first call of his country to arms, and who nobly died in the performance of his duty.

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**FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.**


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AFTER a long wrangle between judge and counsel—Judge: "Well, Mr. —, if you do not know how to conduct yourself as a gentleman, I can't teach you." Counsel: "That is so, my lord." A fact.—*Law Times*.

It having been remarked that lawyers in Texas are not in the habit of bullying witnesses, as is all too common in more civilized places, the explanation was given and accepted as reasonable that a Texas witness would just as soon begin shooting from a witness box as from anywhere else.—*Ex*.

HAD A JUDICIAL MIND.—A learned correspondent sends us the following anecdote about a justice of the peace who had a judicial mind: Squire Miller, of Coal Valley, Rock Island County, Ill., is a strict constitutionalist. A young man from Henry County procured a marriage license, and proceeding to Coal Valley, and led his blushing girl before Squire Miller to have the ceremony performed, producing his Henry County license. The Illinois statute says that "the license shall be procured in the county where the marriage is to be solemnized." The squire at first told the young man that he would have to get a Rock Island County license, as his jurisdiction did not extend outside of the county, but, on being told that the state of the young man's treasury department would not admit of such an outlay, the squire's legal mind at once hit upon a plan whereby he could bag the fee and still keep within the letter of the law. Coal Valley is only a mile from the county line between Rock Island and Henry counties, so, taking the matrimonial candidates in his buggy, he drove to the east border of the county. There they alighted, and directing the couple to stand just east of the centre of the highway the squire stationed himself on the west side of the line, and with the couple in Henry County and himself in Rock Island County, he proceeded to perform the marriage service, remarking: "There, young man, that is strictly accordin' to law; two dollars, please." The squire has a judicial mind, and will rise higher if he lives long enough.—*Ex*.