

had worked itself into the tradition of the Catholic Church."

It is not to be doubted that the law of Rome was the paramount and only system of law in Britain while it was a portion of the Roman Empire. Messrs. Pollock and Maitland seem to argue ("Hist. Eng. Law," p. 2) from the fact that Justinian's Corpus Juris was not known in Britain before the Roman legions had been withdrawn—that, therefore, no definite streams from the fount of the Roman law could have found lodgment in the country. But this would overlook the fact that there was a complete system of law in Rome long before Justinian codified it. Moreover, Selden tells us that Ulpian and Paulus themselves held legal offices in Britain prior to its evacuation by the Romans; and Dion Cassius says that Papinian, the celebrated juris-consult, once presided in the forum of York. It might also be mentioned that Mr. F. T. Richards, in his paper on "Roman Britain" in Traill's "Social England," p. 24, hints at the possibility of young British lawyers being trained at the great school of Augustodunum in Gaul. (See also Tacitus: Ann. Lib. xii. c. 32; Savigny: Gesch. des Rom. Rechts im Mitt. vol. iii. § 35, et seq.; and "The Roman Law in England," by J. E. Leonard, in 1 South., L.R. 433.)

We submit with deference that the weight of authority is against Messrs. Pollock and Maitland's postulate that, to use Mr. Crackanthorpe's characterization of it, "at no time was Roman law introduced into England first-hand on any appreciable scale."

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While women were not denied the privilege of pleading their own causes in the courts of Imperial Rome, they were expressly prohibited from appearing as advocates for others. The origin of this disability is a sad one, and shows at least that there was some traditional ground for the modern barrister's aversion to opening the door of his profession to the more voluble sex. Valerius Maximus tells us that there was a certain lady named Cafrania, wife of a Senator, who was addicted to verbal onslaughts of so violent a character upon a certain Prætor whenever she appeared before him, that in