

## REVIEWS—TO CORRESPONDENTS.

counsellor, duly admitted to practice in a court of the United States, and practising there prior to the late civil war, and who has received and accepted a full pardon from the President, &c., may resume his practice in the said court, without taking the oath prescribed by the act of Congress, which act required an oath, in certain cases, that the person had not borne arms against the United States, or submitted to the authority of the Confederate Government, &c.; such act being, in its application to such person, in the opinion of the judge, unconstitutional and void.

THE AMERICAN LAW REGISTER, October, 1868.  
Philadelphia; D. B. Canfield & Co., 430  
Walnut Street.

We again extract largely from this much valued legal periodical. The writers are we understand, some of the best men of the Bar in the United States, and they receive from various sources interesting decisions of late date. We notice that the price is raised to \$5. We are surprised that this was not done before.

THE CHICAGO LEGAL NEWS. Vol. I., Nos. 1,  
2 & 3.

It is a refreshing instance of the march of civilization in general, and of its progress in a westerly direction in particular, that a weekly legal paper of "eight four column pages" has been started, under the editorial management, not, as we unenlightened Britishers might suppose, of a learned counsel or even of a judge, but under the sprightly management of *Mrs. Myra Bradwell*, the "better half," it may well be supposed, of the judge of the County Court of Cook County, Illinois. When the editress speaks of "our husband" we may hope that there is every probability of his being kept strictly in the way wherein an upright judge should walk.

The learned editress has evidently secured the good will of the Bench and Bar in her neighbourhood, as they seem to assist her with many contributions in the way of articles, reports and selections, in which by the way as might be supposed, the rights of women figure rather largely.

We wish our sister (of the Press) all success in her, to our old fashioned eyes, novel undertaking.

A ROMANTIC LAW CASE.—The courts of law will in all probability be occupied early in the ensuing session with one of those remarkable cases which so often occur in romances, and so seldom in real life. It appears that about a hundred and twenty years ago a large estate close to one of the most important of English manufacturing towns, was in the possession of the great-grandfather of the parties to the present litigation. Since that time the land has been built upon to a great extent, and now forms the most wealthy suburb of the town in question. At the death of the owner, his eldest son, finding that there was no will, naturally claimed the estate. The children of a second marriage, however, who had never lived on good terms with their half-brother, protested against his title on the ground that his parents had never married, and that he was consequently illegitimate. It seemed at first that there was no ground for this statement. The parents had always been received in society, and no one had ever heard of any scandal in connection with them. On making inquiry it was, however, found impossible to discover any trace of the marriage, and the eldest son was forced to submit, and leave the home he had always considered his own, without a shilling. He went into town and embarked in trade, apparently without much success, for his grandson is at the present time a shoemaker in a back street, and in a very small way of business. The tradition of the lost estate has, however, always been preserved, and some time since this descendant of the elder son recommenced the search for proof of the marriage in question. After much trouble he succeeded in getting at the copies of the registers which are preserved in the Chancery at Chester, and there, in the index, he discovered, somewhat easier than was expected, the names of the original possessor of the estate and his first wife. There was, however, no such entry in the body of the book. At last, however, in going through it for the last time, it was discovered that two leaves had been fastened together, and on their being separated a copy of the entry of the marriage from the books of a Manchester church was duly found. On referring back to the church itself, the book was produced, but the entry was not there. Further examination showed, however, that this book had been tampered with, but in a different way—a leaf had been cut out with scissors, and the marks were even then distinctly visible. On these facts the action will be brought, and when it is remembered that the present family have been in possession for nearly a century, and that they are highly respected, and their members married amongst the wealthiest people in the county, it may readily be imagined that the matter is creating a good deal of interest. The value of the property at stake is between one and two hundred thousand pounds.—*Western Morning News (English)*.

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"A STUDENT."—Our rule is not to notice letters unless verified by the signature of the writer.

"F. W. O."—Thanks—Was any written judgment given by the Court of Chancery, and when, &c. It would be advisable to give further information with respect thereto.

"ST. THOMAS."—Insolvency case received with thanks, will appear in December Number.