

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM—LAW SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA.

SHELLEY'S CASE.

"I shall not say much about the rule in Shelley's case. I have heard some judges say that, in their opinion, it was the most unjust decision ever come to."—Lord Esher, M.R., Law Reports, Q. B. D., vol. 11 p. 104.]

The SHADE OF FEARNE (on Contingent Remainders) loquitur.

"A most unjust decision." Good heavens! is all precision.

All subtle fine acumen, to be swept at once away?
Are the doctrines which delighted Bruce and Kenyon to be slighted,
And the flowers of learning blighted which have bloomed for many a day.

Shall each innocent Remainder now suffer an attainder,

Each patient calm Reversion wait no more its destined hour?

E'en the lovely springing Uses be considered but abuses?

Oh, ye sacred legal Muses! have ye lost your ancient power?

In the new age that is dawning shall be heard a voice of mourning

From many a dying beauty, for which men of old have fought;

Each weeping Term attendant, once so radiant and resplendent,

Like a beaten pale defendant, shall shudder out of court.

Men whose god is in their belly may despise the rule in Shelley

Laugh to scorn the ancient learning which a Coke did once adore,

But their furious innovation will hurry to damnation

The glorious British nation with a law no longer lore.

Yet, tho' Parliament may say, "An estate for life to A,

With the same to B to follow, then to A his lawful heirs

Shall be naught but an estate for life," the truth is great,

Or is not, at any rate, what a Parliament declares.

In higher worlds than this A shall have his lawful bliss

To dispose of what is his where no earthly courts restrain,

While in lowest pits of hell disappointed heirs shall yell

And confess that the rule in Shelley must for evermore obtain.

B. H. H.

—From Pump Court.

PRINTERS' errors sometimes make queer havoc of a sentence, for instance, the transposition of a line leads to the following curious result in the report of the case of *Bailey v. Lloyd*, 5 Russ. at p. 332:—"In 1875, Mr. Vokins and his wife had been long dead, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd had had nine children of whom, seven being about to intermarry with the plaintiff Arthur Bailey, etc."

Law Society of Upper Canada.

SUBJECTS FOR EXAMINATIONS.

Articled Clerks.

1884. { Arithmetic.
Euclid, Bb. I, II., and III.
English Grammar and Composition.
English History—Queen Anne to George III.
1885. { Modern Geography—North America and Europe.
Elements of Book-Keeping.

In 1884 and 1885, Articled Clerks will be examined in the portions of Ovid or Virgil, at their option, which are appointed for Students-at-Law in the same years.

Students-at-Law.

1884. { Cicero, Cato Major.
Virgil, Æneid, B. V., vv. 1-361.
Ovid, Fasti, B. I., vv. 1-300.
Xenophon, Anabasis, B. II.
Homer, Iliad, B. IV.
1885. { Xenophon, Anabasis, B. V.
Homer, Iliad, B. IV.
Cicero, Cato Major.
Virgil, Æneid, B. I., vv. 1-304.
Ovid, Fasti, B. I., vv. 1-300.

Paper on Latin Grammar, on which special stress will be laid.

Translation from English into Latin Prose.

MATHEMATICS.

Arithmetic; Algebra, to end of Quadratic Equations; Euclid, Bb. I, II. and III.

ENGLISH.

A Paper on English Grammar.

Composition.

Critical Analysis of a Selected Poem:—

1884—Elegy in a Country Churchyard. The Traveller.

1885—Lady of the Lake, with special reference to Canto V. The Task, B. V.

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY.

English History from William III. to George III. inclusive. Roman History, from the commencement of the Second Punic War to the death of Augustus. Greek History, from the Persian to the Peloponnesian Wars, both inclusive. Ancient Geography, Greece, Italy and Asia Minor. Modern Geography, North America and Europe.

Optional subjects instead of Greek:

FRENCH.

A paper on Grammar.

Translation from English into French prose.

1884—Souvestre, Un Philosophe sous le toits.

1885—Emile de Bonnechose, Lazare Hoche.