

Lord Salisbury, namely: "International Law has not any existence " in the sense in which the term law is usually understood. *It " depends generally upon the prejudices of writers of text-books."* We have not yet been favoured with an opportunity to peruse the volume, and so cannot speak of its real merits.

* * * Another celebrated man of letters who had been bred to the Bar in his youth passed away in February last. Henry Duff Trail, D.C.L., was undoubtedly one of the foremost litterateurs of his time. Besides his volumes on Sterne and Coleridge in the "English Men of Letters" series, he contributed "Shaftesbury" to the "English Worthies" series; "William III." to the "Twelve English Statesmen;" "Strafford" to "English Men of Action," and an estimate of Lord Salisbury to the "Queen's Prime Ministers" series. Other works from his industrious pen are "The New Lucian" and a "Life of Sir John Franklyn." He also edited the valuable collection of sociological essays published under the name of "Social England." Besides this, he did a great deal of journalistic work, and was the editor of "Literature" up to the time of his death. What a splendid content for a span of life of fifty-seven years!

* * * It is the abounding nescience of such literary personages as Mr. Robert Buchanan that disgusts hard-headed lawyers with contemporary belles-lettres. In his "Ethics of Criticism" (which, by the way, is mainly a jealous fling at Rudyard Kipling) in the February number of the Contemporary Review, Mr. Buchanan is not content to successfully wear the bonnet d'âne in remote and innocuous fields, but he must needs, in an acute stage of his excitement, commit a contempt against the dignity of the law. Listen to his screed: "Literature, although itself only a small part of Life, is a much broader and larger part of Life than either Medicine, the Bar or Art. * * * The pursuit of Medicine is very indirectly concerned with the question of Ethics, while the profession of the Law is to a large extent absolutely opposed to the highest Ethical sanctions." Now, while we are pleased with the assurance that Life has more of Literature than Medicine in it, we would respectfully inform the perfervid Mr. Buchanan that when he affirms, with a bravery of capital letters, that "Law is to a large extent absolutely opposed to the highest Ethical sanctions," he is simply talking capital Rot. If our critic knew howsoever