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County Judges as Benchers.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LAW JOURNAL :

SIR,—In your April number an ex-Bencher says, "According to the ancient usage and custom of the Benchers of the different Inns of Court in England, a County Judge has been always held ineligible and disqualified for holding a seat in Convocation," etc.

A reference to the English Law List for 1875, (the latest in Osgoode Hall Library), shows, among the Benchers of Lincoln's Inn, two County Judges; among those of the Inner Temple, four; and among those of Gray's Inn, one.

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REVIEWS.

BLACKWOOD'S EDINBURGH MAGAZINE for April, 1877, republished by the Leonard Scott Publishing Co., 41 Barclay Street, New York.

The following are the contents :

The French Army in 1877.

A Woman-Hater.—Part XI.

Crete.

Pauline.—Part III. : In the Hebrides.

Harriet Martineau.

A Railway Journey.

Translations from Heine, by Theodore Martin.

The Political Situation.

Some papers on the state of the French army having been published in *Blackwood's Magazine* during the year 1875, their author thinks it would be an advantage to France to note the change in her military position since that time. He admits that "France cannot attack Germany," but "if invaded she can now, most certainly defend herself."

The description of Crete, if rather long, is interesting. One object of the article is apparently to show the British

lion a place that is just the right size and shape to make a rest for one of his paws.

The review and criticism of the Autobiography of Harriet Martineau is very unfavorable. The writer thinks she has been much overrated, finds it "difficult to understand on what her great reputation was founded;" and adds, "it will not be increased by her Autobiography, where that good sense which is her strongest point shows less than ever before." Blackwood has never been a friend of this author and what is said must be taken *cum grano salis*.

The light and airy articles are up to the mark, and the whole concludes with the usual discussion of the Eastern Question.

The periodicals reprinted by this company are as follows: *The London Quarterly*, *Edinburgh*, *Westminster*, and *British Quarterly Reviews*, and *Blackwood's Magazine*. Further particulars are given in the advertising columns.

A TREATISE ON THE LAW OF INSURANCE.

By S. R. Clarke of Osgoode Hall, Barrister-at-Law, Toronto. R. Carswell, 1877.

This is a re-publication of a work no insurance, published a few years ago. The present volume contains a supplement which gives a full note of all the decisions in the Dominion reported to March, 1877. We have already alluded to this book, and therefore need only call attention to the additional of the supplement.

THE LAW OF THE ROAD; OR, WRONGS AND RIGHTS OF A TRAVELER. By R. Vashion Rogers, Jr., Barister, etc. San Francisco, Sumner Whitney & Co.; New York, Hurd & Houghton; Cambridge, The Riverside Press.

This is a new edition of a work, the first edition of which we noticed at some length. Most of the matter contained in it, originally appeared in a series of articles in these pages. We are glad to have been at the birth of such a creditable and successful production. We cannot de-