

REVIEWS—FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

the happy proprietor. We did not see the M.D. It did occur to us, however, that the Crown Attorney was rather thrown away on such a place. But if the advertisement is successful, things may become a little more lively in the way of litigation, and the evident desire of the "M.D." and the "merchant" each to have a legal backer may be gratified.—
EDS. L. J.]

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

SENEX.—Communication received, but cannot be published as name of correspondent not given.

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THE ENGLISH QUARTERLY REVIEWS AND BLACKWOOD. Leonard Scott Publishing Co., 41 Barclay St., New York.

This is of all others the time of year when the profession can find time to obtain an intelligent understanding of the best literature of the day, enabling them, if they so desire, to add to their libraries such books as they may desire to read at length. But even those who have not time or inclination for this can, without the books, obtain a vast amount of information put in the most readable way. No subject of any importance or interest is left untouched, whilst in Blackwood appear from time to time the best works of fiction of the day.

THE INTERNATIONAL REVIEW. A. S. Barnes & Co., New York & Boston.

The number of this valuable Review for May-June contains the following articles: The New Federal Administration; The Life Insurance Question; Disestablishment of the Church of England; The Philadelphia Exhibition; Tennyson; The American Foreign Service; Recent American and European Books; Art Literature; Contemporary Events.

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THE *Central Law Journal* enters an indignant protest against the traditional American style of binding law books in full sheepskin,

which it calls "abominable." We agree. If a cheap binding is wanted let it be muslin or paper, if a better, then "half calf," or best of all "full calf."

AN Arkansas man, sentenced to be hanged, is in a bad way. The neighbouring carpenters refused to build the gallows, and the sheriff doesn't know how. The prisoner is a carpenter himself, and the sheriff has tried several times to have him build it, but he says he'll be hanged if he will.

MR. FRY is the first Quaker ever called to the judicial bench, and although I suppose we can hardly expect to see every community represented in a country which, as Voltaire says, has thirty-nine religions and only one sauce, yet we have now had on the bench representative, of all the prominent churches and sects and denominations in the country. The Jews are represented by Sir George Jessel, the Baptists by Justice Lush, the Catholics by Lord O'Hagan, High Church by Lord Coleridge, Low Church by Lord Cairns, Broad Church by Sir Fitzroy Kelly, and the highest form of lay morality (churchwardenship) by Justice Denman. Sir Alexander Cockburn and Baron Bramwell, it is said, keep their religious views very much to themselves.—*Mayfair*.

AN ECCENTRIC JUDGE.—The following sketch of Lord Justice Christian, of the Irish Court of Appeal, is a good description of a very peculiar judge: The duties of his office occupy about 160 days per annum. His leisure is, therefore, more than considerable. How do you think he employs his time? This cross, cranky, jealous potentate reads novels from morning till night. He sees no company, and accepts no invitations. He is married, and has a family. He allows his wife, who is a very pleasant lady, and apparently a very happy woman, to entertain as she pleases up to 6 o'clock in the evening. Then all the guests must go. He never appears until then, and he sits down to dinner in silence. He takes breakfast in his study alone, and after a certain hour in the morning no servant dare come to his level of the hall on pain of instant dismissal. In fact, he must not be encountered on the steps. Sometimes he never leaves the house for weeks together, and then he drives out in a carriage and pair, and, flying through the streets, strikes terror to his species. He once nearly broke down, and, addressing the nearest thing to a friend, said: