
Professor Washburn, whose extensive professional labors are so well known and so highly appreciated by his brethren, has here presented a somewhat unique undertaking, a plain, matter of fact exposition of the outlines of the study and practice of the law. And, as his friends were prepared to expect, the book must, on the whole, be regarded as a success; and in a department where something of the kind was much needed. There are, doubtless, books enough, where one who purports to enter upon the study of the law may find a list of books sufficiently extensive and select for his purpose; and he will also find any amount of advice upon the mode to be pursued in order to accomplish that purpose in the most successful manner. But this little volume contains a great amount of minute and practical information, which almost every wakeful student will be glad to have, and which no one, but those members of the profession who have had a long and varied practice at the bar, and more or less experience in preparing students for admission to the bar, can possibly give him. He will find any number of men, at the bar, who may have been tolerable students in the history or the learning of the profession, but who have had no experience, either in practice or teaching, and who will advise him with almost the same assurance as the infallible guides in other departments of life; but who are really little better fitted to give advice upon the subject than himself. But in this book he will find just what he wants; just what he must have before he can expect to make much progress in the profession; and all from the pen of one who has devoted fifty years to the successful practice of his profession, and nearly twenty years to the preparation of young men for the bar, in the oldest, if not the best, law school in the country.

We are not surprised that Professor Washburn's classes manifested a deep interest in these lectures, and an earnest desire to have them published. And we have no hesitation in saying, that the Professor did wisely in yielding to their request.

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