

"He told us his point and sat down. The audience in the rear of the court room might not applaud, but the audience in front did—at least in spirit—and since the latter audience has the votes, it is best to make your play for them."

The Editors have wisely added little to the essays themselves. A brief biographical note on each contributor, and they have stood aside to let him speak for himself, without making any such foolish attempt as to indicate where Holmes was "wrong" or where later research has proved that Maitland "erred". Writers such as these need no support; they stand by themselves, and the wise lawyer will light the fire, take up this book, and listen to them again and again.

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*The Province of Jurisprudence Determined and the Uses of the Study of Jurisprudence*, by JOHN AUSTIN (Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 1954), pp. i-xxxii, 1-396. English price 12s. 6d. (our copy from the publishers).

The editors of the new Library of Ideas are to be commended for making available this attractive and moderately priced edition of Austin's lectures, in which is also printed his essay on the "Uses of the Study of Jurisprudence".

The Introduction to this edition by H. L. A. Hart, Professor of Jurisprudence in the University of Oxford, contains a brief but valuable evaluation of Austin's contribution to juristic thought with a conclusion which is worth quoting:

"Austin has been accused of many sins; some of them he certainly committed. But the demonstration of precisely where and why he is wrong has proved to be a constant source of illumination; for his errors are often the mis-statement of truths of central importance for the understanding of law and society . . . His work still has its angry critics and its stubborn adherents. And never since his death, has it been ignored." (xviii).

Professor Hart has included a most useful bibliography of comment and criticism on Austin, which in itself is a sufficient recommendation of this edition to the student of jurisprudence.

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*Paley on Summary Convictions and the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1952*. 10th Edn., by EDWARD HUGHES and A. C. L. MORRISON (Sweet and Maxwell, London, 1953), pp. i-xx, 1-471; The Law Book Company of Australasia Pty. Ltd. Australian price £5 5s.

The first edition of Paley was published in 1814, and the ninth in 1926. Over this long period it preserved its character as a leading general treatise on this important area of the criminal law. The tenth edition, however, has varied this pattern. The Magistrates'