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The fifteenth volume of Holdsworth's *History of English Law* contains the second third of Chapter five of Book five of the work as a whole. It is thus merely a continuation of volume fourteen and little needs to be added here to the points which we made in our review of the fourteenth volume.

This volume is divided into five parts dealing with, in relation to the period 1832 to 1873, 'The Enacted Law'; 'The Legal Profession'; 'The Reports'; 'Legal Literature' and 'The Common Lawyer and the Common Law'. Of these the first is the longest part — occupying nearly one half of the whole volume. It consists very largely of a synopsis of the major legislation passed during the period. The Part dealing with 'The Legal Profession' is a short account of development in legal education during the period.

The Part dealing with 'The Reports' is simply a list of reports published during the period, and curiously enough the learned editors, despite their efforts elsewhere, have not seen fit to bring this list up to date; thus both Cox's Criminal Cases and Aspinall's Maritime Law Cases are listed as series in current publication.

The Part dealing with 'Legal Literature' is a list of law books published during the period, whilst the final Part dealing with 'The Common Lawyer and the Common Law' is but a series of thumbnail biographies of notable lawyers of the period.