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The present volume of the AMERICAN LAW TIMES AND REPORTS being about to be closed, parties desiring their numbers bound are advised that bound volumes of the REPORTS will be furnished, in lieu of sheets, at the rate hitherto announced, viz: \$1.50 per volume. Much time will be saved by sending the numbers at once. They should be forwarded by mail or express, prepaid, and will be returned after being bound without cost to the subscriber.

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In addition to the general index, a revised edition of volumes I and II, to which the index has reference, is now in preparation, and will be ready for delivery by about the first of the year. The new volumes will be exchanged in all cases for the old, the subscriber paying freight or postage.

In the revised edition the principal purpose has been to perfect the Bankruptcy Reports. To this end they have been made to conform, in some degree, to Mr. Bump's Work on Bankruptcy, the great and merited popularity of which affords a true idea of the wants and requirements of the profession. With this excellent Treatise and the LAW TIMES REPORTS, the practitioner will have all that he requires upon the subject.

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It has been found useful and valuable to many, but the work will not have reached the measure of its growth until it has earned the confidence of a majority of the intelligent members of the American bar.

The present occasion is taken to repeat the acknowledgments of many kindnesses received at the hands of judges, reporters, practitioners, officers of courts, and others, which it is hoped may be continued.

It is earnestly desired that the efforts of the editor to follow the new questions that are constantly arising, may be seconded and directed by suggestions and queries from the bar at large. His theory of the work is, that it can only be made all it purports to be by his being informed of the questions that are being agitated in the courts of all parts of the country. He cannot always be governed by the queries received; but is enabled to shape the course of the Reports so as to meet a large proportion.

To the end that the work may be kept up to the times, a competent reporter will be constantly in the field, whose chief duty will be to ascertain the wants of the whole profession.

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