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is that Holdsworth is a lawyer, and as a lawyer, tests the doctrines of today by history. We expect him to be conservative. He speaks of the "heresies" of Mansfield; he dislikes the radical ideas of Bentham (perhaps because Bentham had no use for historical study); he is critical of such legislation as the Trade Disputes Act, which he thinks is hasty and ill-conceived. To Holdsworth, the important element throughout is the continuous legal tradition, the study of which tends to increase our respect for law, "the most priceless possession which a community can have." These two volumes should be of great value in encouraging lawyers and students to attain to a better understanding of our legal history and historians.

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