grammarian the effect of the work of a grammarian so much as that of a philologian who accepts grammar as a necessary part of his profession; and one misses the fresh breath that comes from his archeological writings. In spite of sharp self-assertion here and there, he is dominated by his material rather than dominates it, and his work lacks occasionally consistency of view and firmness of touch. It would, for example, be impossible for a grammarian in grain to tell us, on page 183, that in the notorious passage (Cic. ad Att. II. 1, 12), Paetus omnes libros, quos pater suus reliquisset, mihi donavit, the change to reliquerat would have required a change of suus to ejus, and yet, on page 215, to retain suus with the indicative form.

The English Catholic Nonjurors of 1715: being a Summary of the Register of their Estates, with Genealogical and other Notes, and an Appendix of unpublished documents in the Public Record Office. Edited by the late Very Rev. Edgar E. Estcourt and John Orlebar Payne. London: Burns & Oates; New York: Catholic Publication Society.

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