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Of Trinity College, Dublin ;

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I DEDICATE THESE PAGES.



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It has been determined by those to whom is intrusted the power of admission to the Bar, that the study of the Roman Civil Law shall form a part of the education of every law student; and the Provost and Board of our University, anxious to assist in every possible way the great object of professional education, have not alone directed their Professor of Civil Law to deliver Lectures on that most interesting branch of study, and to illustrate, as he best can, the general principles through which alone Law is, or may be regarded as, a science, but have offered to you all manner of encouragement to pursue the study with ardour and diligence. The same privileges which have been before granted to the medical and other professional students who attend the classes in which instruction is given in their particular departments, are now granted to law students. The attendance required by the decree of the Board is strict, and at the end of the Course it is determined that an Examination shall take place, on the result of which depends whether you shall be allowed credit for the attendance. Still more strict is the attendance required to enable me to give such a Certificate as the Benchers require, before you can be called to the Bar. I will read a sentence for you from their late regulations.*

* See Note A.