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### Ink in Criminal Investigation

The April, 1943 issue of *The Analyst* contains a report of an address by C. Ainsworth Mitchell at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Public Analysts on the topic, "Ink in Relation to Crime."<sup>1</sup> This report consists of a brief account of trials in which Dr. Mitchell testified regarding various aspects of the identification of inks. There are no technical details given regarding the examinations made, but the account may be of general interest, from the historical standpoint, to laboratory technicians and examiners of questioned documents.

### Symposium on Scientific Proof and Relations of Law and Medicine

The *Southern California Law Review*, Vol. XVI, No. 3, March, 1943 should be of special interest to everyone in the field of police science since the Review, in cooperation with a number of other law reviews in the country, has devoted its leading articles section in this issue to a symposium on scientific proof and relations of law and medicine. The general nation wide direction of this symposium has been in the hands of Professor Hubert W. Smith, L.L.B., M.D., of the Harvard Law School, whose paper on Scientific Proof heads this symposium (pages 120 to 160).

Professor John M. Maguire of the Harvard Law School has a paper on A Survey of Blood Group Decisions and Legislation in the American Law of Evidence (pages 161 to 176).

Professor Magdalene Schoch of the Harvard Law School has a paper on Determination of Paternity by Blood-Grouping Tests: The European Experience (pages 177 to 192).

Dr. William C. Boyd of the Boston University Medical School has a paper entitled Protecting the Evidentiary Value of Blood Group Determinations (pages 193 to 212).

On pages 213 to 219, a Check-List of Articles Appearing in the National Symposium on Scientific Proof and Relations of Law and Medicine can be found.

Professor Hubert W. Smith has given a valuable contribution to the police science field, as well as to law and medicine. This copy of the *Southern California Law Review* should be in the library of everyone sincerely interested in the field of scientific police work.

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<sup>1</sup>Mitchell, A., "Ink in Relation to Crime." *Analyst*, 68 (805): 103-106 (1943).