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## NOTES.

ADMISSIONS OF PARTIES "IDENTIFIED IN INTEREST."—If it be difficult to reach a rational explanation for the introduction of a party's own admissions,<sup>1</sup> it is still more perplexing to understand why he should be prejudiced by those of another. That both parties have the same reasons for speaking the truth is a generalization questionable even as a working hypothesis. Moreover, the carelessness of the utterances or the existence of ulterior motives is peculiarly difficult of proof. Yet the broad assertion is often made that, where parties are identified in interest, the admissions of the one are receivable against the other.<sup>2</sup> Under this statement are indiscriminately included admissions of parties in privity, of parties in joint interest, and of parties legally identified in person. The doctrine that the admissions of a predecessor in title are receivable, did not, however, originate in any conception of "identity of interest." In the early cases, it was treated as an exception to the Hearsay Rule, and the death of the

<sup>1</sup>7 COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW, 118.

<sup>2</sup>Taylor, Evid. (8th Ed.) § 740; Greenl. Evid. (12th Ed.) § 171.