

## NOTICES OF NEW BOOKS.

A Treatise on Maritime Law, by Henry Flanders. Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1852.

A well printed octavo, of 417 pages, which will receive the second and more attentive reading to which it is entitled.

We find for it, a place not filled by any other American treatise on the subject. The work of Mr. Benedict, of New York, contains a large number of precedents, the more reliable from having been tested by the author in an extended practice, and was intended to succeed Dunlap's Admiralty, which had been from 1836, the only hand-book of the practitioner. On the other hand, the treatise of Judge Conkling was essentially a treatise on the jurisdiction of the Admiralty, and however valuable from the position of the author, was not of such entire accuracy as to meet the wants of the bar.

Mr. Flanders has made a book which, whilst it is as its name imports, a Treatise on the Maritime Law, is yet eminently practical in its character. He does not enter into a long history of the jurisdictions of the American and British Admiralty, which the learned opinions of Mr. Justice Story, and the other text-books have rendered unnecessary—has no time to waste in abuse of Lord Coke and the prohibitions of the King's Bench, and does not tarry in the outset, to indulge in a dissertation upon the right of search. After some fifty pages given to preliminary matter, he commences an excellent chapter on Title to Merchant-ships, six pages of which are devoted to Title by Prize; with the references to Lord Stowell, quite enough for every-day purposes. He then takes up in order, the Contract of Affreightment, the Authority and Duties of the Master, Maritime loans, General Average, Collision, Salvage, and concludes with two well digested chapters on the Seaman's Contract.

The liberal spirit and careful analysis which Mr. Flanders evinces in the preparation of his treatise, justify a regret that he has not given his views more at length, upon some of the points on which our American authorities seem strangely at variance with the General Maritime Law. We instance the question (p. 180) whether a master has a lien on the ship

for his wages? We presume that it may be regarded as settled, in this country, that the contract of the master is made on the credit of the owners, and not of the ship, and that accordingly, he has no remedy for his wages against the vessel; a doctrine which is taken bodily from the English cases, and which is in the teeth of the maritime law of the rest of the civilized world.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Flanders for his book, which needs no notice of ours, to recommend it as well to the general lawyer, as to the practitioner in the admiralty.

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Reports of Cases argued and determined in the English Courts of Common Law, with tables of the cases and principal matters. Edited by Hon. George Sharswood, vol. lxi., containing Queen's Bench Reports, Adolphus and Ellis, N. S., vol. 15. Philadelphia: T. & J. W. Johnson, 1852; pp. 156.

This is one of the authorized series of English reports, which the Messrs. Johnson have published for so many years. This volume has superadded to it, an additional value by reason of the notes of Judge Sharswood appended to the cases, an improvement which will hereafter be continued with a view of increasing the usefulness of this publication. These volumes are indispensable to the professional man in practice, as giving the best English cases and arguments in the Courts of Westminster.

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Graydon's Forms of Conveyancing, and of practice in the Courts of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions, Oyer and Terminer, the Supreme and Orphans' Courts, and the offices of the various civil officers and justices of the peace. Fourth edition, by Robert E. Wright, Counsellor at Law. Philadelphia: James Kay, Jr., and Bro., 1852; pp. 629.

We are glad to see this favorite book in a new and much improved edition. Books of forms are among the most valuable of all professional publications, as labor-saving machines. And to the Pennsylvania lawyer, this work is inestimable; it is full, accurate, well arranged, and cannot fail to be eminently useful.

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An Essay on the Learning of Remainders, by Wade Keyes, of the Montgomery Bar. Montgomery, Ala.: G. H. & F. F. Martin, 1852; pp. 128.

This is a short treatise on Future Interests in Real Estate, in which the matter contained in Fearne, Sanders, and the older writers, is arranged upon a new plan, and some original theories started. A discussion of

the American cases would have added much to the value of this pamphlet, which otherwise shews considerable ability.

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English Reports in Law and Equity, containing reports of cases in the Queen's Bench, Privy Council, Courts of Equity and Common Law, and in the Admiralty and Ecclesiastical Courts; including, also, cases in bankruptcy and crown cases reserved. Edited by Edmund H. Bennett and Chauncey Smith, Counsellors at Law. Vol. X. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. 1852.

This series has now fully established itself in professional favour, and is to be found very generally in the hands of, and in daily use by the bar throughout the whole country. It needs no commendation from us.

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Reports of Cases adjudged in the High Court of Chancery, before the Right Hon. Sir James Wigram, Knt. Vice Chancellor. By Thomas Hare. Vol. IV. Being English Chancery Reports, vol. 21, with notes and references to English and American decisions, by E. Fitch Smith. New York: Banks, Gould & Co. 1852.

This is likewise a well established series of reports, and needs no further remark than to announce its publication. It has been long and favorably known throughout the country.

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A Supplement to Harrison's Analytical Digest: containing a Digest of all the reported cases decided in the Courts of Equity, Common Law, Admiralty, and the Ecclesiastical Courts, and by the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, in the years 1849, 1850 and 1851. By R. Tarrant Harrison, Esq., of the Middle Temple; carefully arranged by a Member of the Philadelphia Bar. Vol. 7, (Supplement to Vol. 3.) Philadelphia: Robert H. Small. 1853.

This new volume of the supplement to Harrison, containing the annual digest for the last three years, arranged in one, by the American editor, has been looked for for some time, and will be received with great satisfaction by every working lawyer. The great practical value of the work, comprehending, as it does, in a lucid arrangement, all the English cases in every court, is too well known to need commendation. The task of the editor—no light one, even if the preparation of the table of cases were only concerned—has been performed with a conscientious accuracy which reflects great credit on his industry and care. The paper of this volume is good, and the type clear, though small, so that its consultation will not be found trying to the eyes or to the patience.