

## NOTICES OF NEW BOOKS.

Reports of Cases in Law and Equity, determined in the Supreme Court of the State Iowa. By George Greene, one of the Judges. Vol. II. Cedar Rapids, Iowa. D. O. Finch & Wm. M. Williams, Printers. 1852.

The volumes of reports from the new sections of the Union, multiply upon us with great rapidity, and we are now called upon to notice the *second* volume of Iowa. The examination of this book has given us much pleasure. Here is a volume prepared and printed at Cedar Rapids, and did we not read that fact in the colophon; no other marks about the pages themselves would lead us to any such conclusion. The reporter, who is one of the judges, is evidently a lawyer, who does mean that any *stuff* shall not come into the profession by his means. The cases without exception, as far as we could judge, are important. No arguments of counsel are printed, and generally nothing but the opinion, which contains in itself all the facts necessary to a full comprehension of the matter. A perusal of the opinions themselves, will satisfy the reader that the Bench of Iowa, is remarkable for the manly good sense, sound Common Law principles, and just expositions of Constitutional rights, privileges and duties of its members, and under such judicial guidance cannot fail to command the attention and receive the encomiums of an enlightened and right-minded profession throughout the Union. Did our limits admit, we should call special attention to certain cases in this volume, a pleasure which we are compelled to forego.

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Reports of Cases argued and determined in the Courts of Exchequer and Exchequer Chamber. Vol. VII. Michaelmas Term, 15 Vict., to Trinity Term, 15 Vict. both inclusive. By W. N. Welsby, of the Middle Temple, E. T. Hurlstone, of the Inner Temple, and J. Gordon, of the Middle Temple, Esquires, Barristers at Law. With references to Decisions in the American Courts. J. I. Clark Hare, Editor, Philadelphia. T. & J. W. Johnson, Law Booksellers, No. 197 Chestnut street, 1853.

Perhaps no law books come from the English press more valuable than the Exchequer Reports. The Court itself is one of the very highest learning, integrity and general acquirements, and has within the last few years, drawn to itself much of the business of the other Courts where it

had concurrent jurisdiction, and its volumes of reports contain judgments second to none that have ever issued from Westminster Hall. The promptitude, too, with which the profession are now furnished with these reports, deserves commendation. This early distribution, especially in this country, has been long desired, and the enterprising American Publishers have now fully effected it, and no delay will hereafter occur, except such as must attend all books well printed and well edited.

The references to the American cases, are by Mr. Justice Hare, of the District Court of this City, as in former volumes, and have added most materially to the value and completeness of the book. No praise of ours can, however, add to the already well earned reputation enjoyed by this series of reports.

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Reports of Cases argued and determined in the Supreme Court of the State of Michigan. Vol. I. By Randolph Manning, Pontiac, Michigan. Phelps & Stevens, Printers, Jacksonian Office. 1852.

This is the first volume of Michigan Reports with which the profession has been favored, and from it we learn that the profession and judges there as elsewhere are engaged in deciding many points of practical interest and daily value. The duties of the Reporter have been diligently and faithfully performed, and the typographical execution is highly creditable. Some cases are of special interest: such are *People vs. Doe*, p. 451; *Paddock vs. Pardee*, p. 421; *Findly vs. People*, p. 234; *People vs. Judges*, p. 359.

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English Reports in Law and Equity; containing Reports of Cases in the House of Lords, 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. 14. Boston: Little, Brown & Company. 1853.

This series is now so well established and so popular with the profession that nothing more is required than an announcement of each successive volume.

Reports of Cases argued and determined in the High Court of Errors and Appeals for the State of Mississippi. Vol. 24. By John F. Cushman, Reporter to the State and Counsellor at Law. Cushman. Vol. II. Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1853.

We are under obligations to the Reporter for the sheets of this volume as they passed through the press, and had marked several cases for the pages of our Journal. They were, however, crowded out by matters of more pressing necessity. The same commendations bestowed on volume one may be repeated with regard to volume two. The same excellent arrangement and complete adjustment of the several points and principles decided has been followed as heretofore. The members of the bar and the judges of Mississippi are under obligation to Mr. Cushman, for the manner in which they are presented in these Reports, and we trust the Reporter may long continue in so important and useful a post.

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A Treatise on Chattels Personal; by Wade Keyes, Esq., of Montgomery, Alabama.

By the kindness of the Author, we have been furnished with the sheets of this useful treatise as they have passed through the press. A careful consideration of some of the chapters has led us to entertain a very favorable opinion of the entire book. A distinct work on the subject of this volume was needed, and few men were more competent to furnish their professional friends with a succinct and accurate exposition of the principles of this somewhat complicated branch of learning than the author. Mr. Keyes is already known to the profession as the author of a small volume on Contingent Remainders, a work marked by care and labor, but we believe neither so useful nor so elaborate as the one now under consideration, and which is well worthy of professional attention.

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Reports of Cases argued and determined in the Court of Appeals of the State of New York. with notes, references, and an index by Henry R. Selden, Counsellor at Law, Vol. I. Albany: Little & Company, Law Booksellers, 53 State Street, 1853.

A great State like New York, with its multiplied business relations of every kind, cannot fail to give us both an interesting and valuable series

of reports. And hence the reports of that State have ever commanded professional attention and respect. This volume is, indeed, a most excellent one. The duties of the reporter are honestly and conscientiously performed. We have accurate and careful head notes, well digested arguments of counsel, wherever they are desirable or important, and well considered opinions by the Judges.

Any one who will take the trouble to consult the following cases, all of them important, and all well considered, will not fail to hold a high opinion of the Bench, the Bar, and the Reporter of our great and flourishing sister State. *Blake vs. Ferres*, p. 48; *Lloyd vs. The Mayor, &c.*, p. 369; *Coon vs. The Syracuse Rail Road Co.*, 492, all under the title Actions on the Case. *Almgren vs. Dutihl*, p. 28, title Charter Party. *Hoyt vs. Thompson*, p. 320, title Corporation. *Gates vs. The Mutual Insurance Co.*, p. 469, title Insurance. *Hargous vs. Stone*, p. 73; and *Beirne vs. Dord*, p. 95, title Sale by Sample and Implied Warranty; and *Hamilton vs. White*, p. 10, title, Right of Way.

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A Treatise on the Law of Shipping, by Henry Flanders, author of a Treatise on Maritime Law. 1 Vol. 8vo. T. & J. W. Johnson, 197 Chestnut Street.

This volume reached us too late for perusal, with a view to such a notice as the important subject-matter discussed demands. We are assured, however, by gentlemen who have read it with care, that it is a most excellent treatise, and reflects much credit upon Mr. Flanders. We shall give our readers a more extended notice in our next number, after we have given the book an examination.

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A Treatise on the Principles of Pleading in Civil Actions, under the New York Code of Procedure. By G. Van Santvoord, Counsellor at Law. Albany: Little & Company, 1858.

Our brethren of the New York Bar, by reason of their new Code, must find it indispensable to have some such book as the one now before us. As far as we can judge, with the limited knowledge we possess of the peculiarities of their system, this treatise is a practically useful one; and with the aid of the usual works, must facilitate pleading. The object and design of the author, as stated in his introduction, seems to be carried into execution with success.