

them "to them during their lives, and, after their death, to their lawful issue," followed by a provision that, if any of said devisees should "die, leaving no lawful issue, the portion or portions of him or her, so dying, shall be equally divided among the survivors." HELD, that the first takers, or devisees, named in the direct devise, took only a life estate, with remainder to their issue, as purchasers. *Treville vs. Ellis*, Bail. Eq. 110 commented on, and approved. *Decree affirmed.* . Johnston, Ch. *dubitante*.

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NOTICES OF NEW BOOKS.

Brightly's Purdon's Annual Digest for 1854, 1855. Annual Digest of the Laws of Pennsylvania for each of the years 1854 and 1855. By Frederick C. Brightly, Esq. Philadelphia: Kay & Brother, Law Booksellers and Publishers. 1855.

Mr. Brightly's Purdon has been found to be the most satisfactory digest of our laws that has been presented to the profession. It is equally meritorious in its plan and in its execution. This supplement is like the one of last year, and is upon the same plan as the body of the Digest. The arrangement is alphabetical, with a new index, comprising all the laws of both 1854 and 1855. The most important feature is this index, which at a glance gives all the legislation of the two years at one view, with a reference to the pages in each annual number. We have also the usual and highly useful marginal references, foot-notes of decisions, &c. The plan and execution seem to leave little further to be desired.

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A Monograph on Mental Unsoundness. By Francis Wharton. Philadelphia: Kay & Brother. 1855. pp. 228.

This pamphlet forms the first book of a volume on Medical Jurisprudence, now in press by the learned author, aided by and in connection with Dr. Moreton Stillé, of this city. It is seldom we are called upon to notice a law book which possesses so deep an interest to the scholar and thinking man, not only in law, but in all professions and pursuits. Never before in the English language has the subject of mental unsoundness received so careful, so thorough, so elaborate, so useful and so interesting a presentation, legally, morally and psychologically. We can only send our readers to the book itself, promising them a few hours of curious and deeply interesting study.

An Analytical Digest of the Reports of cases decided in the English Courts of Common Law, Exchequer and Exchequer Chamber, and Nisi Prius, in the year 1855, in continuation of the annual digest by the late Henry Jeremy, Esq., Barrister at Law. By William Tidd Pratt, of the Inner Temple, Esq., Barrister at Law. Arranged for the English Common Law and Exchequer Reports, and distributed without charge to subscribers. Philadelphia: T. & J. W. Johnson, Law Booksellers, Publishers and Importers, No. 197 Chestnut Street. 1855. pp. 72.

This unpretending pamphlet will not be found without its value. In the compass of a few pages we have the substance of the decisions of the English Common Law tribunals, arranged and digested, and the time and labor expended in turning the leaves of several volumes can be wholly dispensed with, and their contents fully and easily presented.

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English Reports in Law and Equity, embracing the reports of cases in the House of Lords, Privy Council, Courts of Equity and Common Law, and in the Admiralty and Ecclesiastical Courts, including cases in Bankruptcy and Crown cases reserved. Edited by Edmund H. Bennett and Chauncey Smith, Counsellors at Law. Vol. XXVI. Boston: Little, Brown & Company.

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