

NOTICES OF NEW BOOKS.

A Treatise on the Equitable Jurisdiction of the Courts of Pennsylvania, with Notes of Pleading and Practice in Equity, and an Appendix of Practical Forms. By Frederick C. Brightly, Esq. Philadelphia : Kay & Brother, Law Booksellers and Publishers. 1855. pp. 750.

The Pennsylvania Bar have long wanted a local book on Equity Jurisprudence. Mr. Brightly has now supplied this want in a manner that cannot fail to be satisfactory to his professional brethren, and to advance his already well-earned reputation as an author and editor.

The first book of this treatise is devoted to Equity Principles, and the second to Equity Pleading and Practice. And the Forms most practical and important are collected in the Appendix, thus giving to the practitioner in small compass all the information that is of every-day use, and enabling him readily to advise upon principles and to draft papers.

From the examination that we have been able to give this volume, we feel no hesitation in commending it to the careful study of the Equity student and practitioner, as well out of Pennsylvania as in, as a work embodying within its pages the most useful learning, clearly and ably set in order. The typographical execution is admirable; the page of good size, type large, and the text clear. It is a valuable contribution to Pennsylvania law, and to the general student in Equity, an indispensable hand-book.

A Digest of Cases decided in the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, from 1819 to 1854, including the fourteenth volume of the Illinois Reports, together with tables, titles and references, by Elliot Anthony, Counsellor at Law. Philadelphia: T. & J. W. Johnson. Chicago, D. B. Cooke & Co.; Rock Island, H. A. Porter & Bro. 1855. pp. 745.

Some months ago, a few of the earlier sheets of this book were submitted to our inspection, whence we argued a satisfactory work; and a further inspection, so far as we can judge from our limited knowledge of the jurisprudence of Illinois, confirms this opinion. The merits of a Digest consist principally in accuracy and arrangement, and use alone can enable one to form an opinion of its real worth.