

NOTICES OF NEW BOOKS.

A PRACTICAL TREATISE ON POWERS, by the Right Hon. Sir Edward Sugden. The third American, from the seventh London edition, with additional references to American Cases. In two volumes, Philadelphia : T. & J. W. Johnson. 1856.

This is a new American edition of Sir Edward Sugden's famous work. If its subject be not of as great importance in this country as in England, it is, nevertheless, of enough to require a familiarity with its doctrines. This may be considered to be *the only* work on this branch of law ; and it is, indeed, equally remarkable for its exhaustive learning, and the extraordinary logical power and critical acumen which it displays. No one can pretend to a knowledge of the law of real estate and conveyancing without a thorough acquaintance with this treatise.

OFFICIAL OPINIONS OF THE ATTORNEYS GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, ADVISING THE PRESIDENT AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS IN RELATION TO THE OFFICIAL DUTIES, AND EXPOUNDING THE CONSTITUTION, TREATIES WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND INDIAN TRIBES, AND THE PUBLIC LAWS OF THE COUNTRY. Edited by C. C. Andrews, Counsellor at law. Vol. VI. Washington: Published by Robert Farnham, 1856. pp. 774.

Mr. Andrews is entitled to the thanks of his professional brethren for the very satisfactory manner in which he has presented these opinions. Each opinion is accompanied by a short and exact syllabus, in the usual manner of law reports. This greatly facilitates the ease of consultation, and deserves high commendation for the accuracy and care with which it has been done. The business of the Attorney General's office has become so extended and complicated, that some permanent shape to the legal opinions of that department is indispensable, both for the use of the office itself, and for those having business with it.

REPORTS OF CASES ARGUED AND DETERMINED IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA, during the January Term, 1856, by J. W. Shepherd, State Reporter, Vol. XXVIII. Montgomery: Barrett & Wimbish, 1856. pp. 800.

From the brief examination we have been enabled to give this volume, we have received a very favorable impression. We propose in our next number to give a few short notes of the more important cases, which will enable the reader to form his own judgment and put into practical use the labors of the reporter.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPORTS, Vol. XXVI, comprising cases adjudged in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, by Joseph Casey, State Reporter, Vol. 2, Philadelphia: Kay & Brother, 1856. pp. 575.

This is the second volume that Mr. Casey has given to his professional brethren, and is certainly prepared with care, and a manifest improvement on the former one, which itself far excelled some of the volumes immediately preceding it. The cases now published, present the usual diversity that must always characterize the litigation of a commercial and prosperous people. *Kieffer vs. Imhoff*, p. 438, on the law of easements; *Myers vs. The Insurance Company*, p. 192, on the subject of seaworthiness; *Erie Railroad vs. Casey*, p. 287, on corporate privileges; *Bard vs. Yohn*, p. 482, on master and servant; and *Carson vs. Godley*, p. 111, on negligence, are important and interesting cases and well calculated to give the reader a favorable impression of the manner in which Mr. Casey has discharged his important but thankless task. This volume deserves special mention by reason of the excellence of its index, which is really a digest of the book, and cannot fail to prove highly useful.

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 Chauncey Smith, Counsellor at Law, Vol. XXIV. Boston, Little, Brown & Co., 1856. pp. 658.

This is one of the usual volumes of English reports, a series which has now become a part of almost all law libraries, both from the large number of courts of which it professes to give the reports, and from the annotations which the learned editor has appended to many of the cases referring to late authorities. Perhaps the only notice required, is an announcement of publication.