

A bequest of a sum of money to one in these words, "both principal and interest (if she needs it) during her lifetime, after which to be disposed of in like manner as the residue of my estate," (*i. e.*, among nephews and nieces of testator), is not within the Act of 24th February 1834, § 49, prohibiting its payment to the primary legatee without security : *Id.*

Poor-House not Taxable for School Purposes.—A county poor-house is not taxable for school purposes by the school directors of the township wherein it is situated : *Directors of the Poor of Schuylkill County vs. School Directors of North Manheim Township.*

Validity of Promise to accept Bill.—A promise to accept a bill is equivalent to an acceptance, not only as to the drawer, but as to every party who takes the bill on the faith of the promise : *Steman et al. vs Harrison et al.*

NOTICES OF NEW BOOKS.

THE NATIONAL ALMANAC AND ANNUAL RECORD, for the year 1863. Philadelphia : George W. Childs. 1863.

Although it is not our habit to notice new books except those of a strictly legal character, yet we are departing very little from our rule in commending to our readers the new National Almanac.

As a compendium of useful information, moreover, it has received such universal commendation from the press, that we are not called upon to say more than a few words about those portions of immediate interest to the profession. Of these, the most important are the abstracts and titles of public laws passed by the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh Congresses, a convenient alphabetical summary of the Excise Tax, and of the Tariff Act of 1862 ; but in addition to these the account under the name of each state of its judicial organization and division, and the officers at the present time, though concise, is full and accurate to a degree very rare in works of this kind. Of the lists of officers, including judges and clerks of court, reporters and others, with their residences, directions, &c., we have had occasion several times to avail ourselves, and have found them unusually full and reliable. Altogether the book is one not only of great convenience and utility for present service, but is the beginning of a series which, if kept up to the same standard, will be very desirable upon our book-shelves as a permanent repository of useful information.

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