

tive powers, duties and responsibilities ; the *Second* treats of the parties to the commission of crimes, and of the extent of the Criminal Law as to time, persons and place ; the *Third* deals with the prosecution of criminal offenders, the jurisdiction of the criminal courts, and of Magistrates and Justices of the Peace, the general powers of summary arrest of criminal offenders, the modes of prosecuting indictable offences, the procedure before and at the preliminary enquiry into charges triable by indictment, the procedure in summary trials of indictable offences, speedy trials and trials of juvenile offenders, and the procedure in connection with the summary trial and conviction of persons charged with non-indictable offences, including the subsequent proceedings by way of appeal, reserved case, *certiorari* and *habeas corpus* ; while the *Fourth* division consists of an alphabetical synopsis of the criminal law."

So much for the subjects and materials of Mr. Crankshaw's work ; and now let us consider the vital question of how the materials are digested. The Justice of the Peace, being little addicted to studious pursuits, requires above all things that the directions to him shall be safe, simple, and easily followed. The legal practitioner requires that the author's citations, whether few or many in number, shall be accurate ; while both the Justice and the practitioner are frequently called to intervene in criminal cases at the eleventh hour, so that a guide book to the criminal law must be ready to the hand. There must be no uncertainty, no fumbling. The magistrate must be able to lay his finger on the place where his duties, and the necessary forms to be gone through with, are clearly set forth. The lawyer, when sent for to the police court, must be able to find his arguments, his objections and his authorities on his road to the place of trial.

Such, then, are the merits that we should seek to find in this Guide, and upon the result of the search should depend our opinion of the work. To begin with, a moment's inspection shows that the paper and print are good, and that the usual tables and index are in their usual places. Before we have had the book in our hands many minutes we come upon a very commendable device.

Every one is more or less familiar with the distinction between indictable and non-indictable offences, but not every one can at once recollect if a particular offence be indictable or not. Our author has been to the trouble of compiling two tables, one of indictable and the other of non-indictable offences, with the tribunals before whom the offences are triable, and the appropriate penalties.

Section 611 of the Criminal Code provides that the statement contained in an indictment may be in the words of the enactment describing the offence. But it may very often happen that some of the words of an enactment are lost in the transcription, and that accordingly some essential feature will be found lacking to the count. Mr. Crankshaw has come to the rescue in this matter, and has devoted nearly fifty pages of his work to examples of the manners of stating offences, alphabetically arranged, and as nearly as possible in the *ipsissima verba* of the enactments.

The style of the work is suitable to a law-manual. The paragraphs and sentences are not too long, and are lucidly written. There is a visible effort to collect and summarize matters, which, though analogous, are scattered through the Criminal Code. The citations are not heaped up, nor, on the other hand, are they scanty ; while on a test being made in various places in the book, the cases appeared to be accurately cited, and their sense fairly represented.

On the whole, the author has succeeded in making a good work on the lines indicated in his preface, and we think there is a place for his book in the magistrates court-room, and among the well-thumbed handbooks that are found in every law-office.

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MR. J. CASTELL HOPKINS' *Life and Work of Sir John Thompson*,\* is well worthy of perusal. Mr. Hopkins has gathered together and condensed into 480 pages, the history of the late Premier. That portion of the work which deals with Sir John's career

*Life and Work of the Right Hon. Sir John Thompson, P.C.K.C.M.G., Q.C.*, by J. Castell Hopkins, with a preface by His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, pp. 480, Bradley, Garretson and Co., 1895. \$2.50.