

ments, in an unbroken succession of references, from the earliest enactment down to the present time.

We quite agree with the thought of the author as to the propriety of indexing statutes which have been superseded or appealed. As he well says, they have historic value, and have often to be consulted in their relation to subjects still affected by them. As to the work itself, every index maker has his own way of doing his work. We might, perhaps, have done some of this a little differently: but, so far as we have had opportunity of judging, the contents need no apology, and will be of great convenience and utility to the profession and the public.

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*Constitution of the United States at the end of the First Century.* By George S. Boutwell, Boston, U.S. D. C. Heath & Co., Publishers, 1895.

This volume by Mr. Boutwell, who is recognized as a competent authority on such matters, sets forth in a concise form the substance of the leading decisions of the Supreme Court, in which the Constitution of the United States has been examined and interpreted.

The author takes satisfaction in the thought expressed thus: "The line of sovereignty in the States, and the nature, extent, and limits of the sovereignty of the National Government, have been distinctly marked, and thus the gravest questions that threatened the harmony and questioned the existence of the Union have passed from the field of debate into the realm of settled law." It is possible that these congratulations may be a little premature, but, so far as the work itself is concerned, it is well put together, and will be of interest as a book of reference to all students, and must, of course, be a very valuable work to our friends, on the other side of the line. It seems to be the only book in which the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States on constitutional questions are cited under the section and clause of the Constitution to which the decisions relate, or, in other words, the only single volume in which a view, at once comprehensive and minute, may be had of the Constitution as it has been interpreted by the Supreme Court.