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*The Study of the law of Mortgages.* By CHARLES H. S. STEPHENSON, Solicitor. London: Effingham Wilson, 54 Threadneedle Street. 1909. 202 pp. Price, 7s. 6d.

This is one of a series known as Wilson's Legal and Useful Handy Books, all of which seem to be good in their way, and are especially intended for the use of the following students of the law (1) such as intend to make a special study of the subject in preparation for the law degree, (2) such as desire to obtain honours at their solicitor's final examination, (3) such qualified lawyers as desire to possess a handy, but at the same time a tolerably complete, guide to the solution of questions ordinarily arising on the subjects treated.

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*An Epitome of Company law for the use of students.* By W. H. HASTINGS KELKE, barrister-at-law. 2nd edition. London: Sweet & Maxwell, Limited, 3 Chancery Lane. 1909. 199 pp. Price, 6s.

This is one of the "Students' Series" initiated by the enterprise of Sweet & Maxwell which is apparently meeting with the success it deserves. Every book on English company law brings the reminder of how convenient it would be if the system there and in this country were the same. Whilst there is much in common, an elementary book of this character is not of as much use in this country as it would otherwise be.

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*The effect of war on contracts and on trading associations in territories of belligerents.* By COLEMAN PHILLIPSON, M.A., Barrister-at-law. London: Stevens & Haynes, Bell Yard. 1909.

This little book of 114 pages presents in a slightly modified and enlarged form the Quain prize essay in the department of Comparative Law at University College, London, 1908. The author in his preface, or, as he styles it, his "Foreword," says that this essay is simply a suggestion of the form that might well be taken by a work of much larger dimensions of this branch of international law. The list of writers quoted or referred to give us some idea of the extent of his research. Wars are not to cease in this dispensation, peace conference enthusiasts to the contrary notwithstanding; the need, therefore, of such a help as this author gives to those who have to litigate by reason thereof will still continue.