

*Leading Cases in Constitutional Law*, briefly stated, with introduction and notes by ERNEST C. THOMAS, late scholar of Trinity College, Oxford, etc., Third edition, by CHAS. L. ATTENBOROUGH, of the Inner Temple, Barrister. London: STEVENS & HAYNES, Law Publishers, Bellyard, Temple Bar, 1901.

This book is exceedingly interesting reading, and so arranged and so well printed that reading it is a pleasure. It refreshes one's memory of old mile-stones in the development of our constitutional liberties and their limitations, and so collects them as to make the matter treated of easily accessible for reference. There was, of course, a necessity to make a selection of cases and this has been carefully done, on the basis that constitutional law, as the author defines this term, "is that part of the common law which deals directly with the exercise of the functions of government, sometimes securing the subject against unfair abuses of original or delegated power; sometimes protecting the ministers of government in the proper execution of their duties." The brevity and conciseness of the statements are a feature of the author's work, and a very valuable one in these busy days. In the present edition a few of the cases have been eliminated but the cases have been enlarged and some of them re-written.

*Ames on Forgery*, its detection and illustration, with numerous causes célèbres (illustrated) by DANIEL T. AMES, San Francisco, 24 Post Street, 1900.

This book embodies the author's long experience in the study of handwriting, as to which he is an expert, and has been largely engaged as examiner of contested handwriting in courts of justice. Examples are given of nearly every phase in which handwriting can come into question. Apart from its usefulness to all persons who have cases of this kind, it is a book of much interest to the general reader. There is much to be said in favour of his proposition that experts should be employed by the Court and not by litigants. Such a book would, of course, be useless without illustrations, but these are given with much fullness and accuracy.