

treatise. It has been received with much acceptance by the profession in England. It is a long way removed from the mere collection of cases which is the "make up" of so many law books, however useful such collections often are. The learned author apologizes "for the argumentative character of portions of this book and for some prominence of personal views." This largely disarms criticism; and, may we say, is unnecessary in this case, for that is just what is wanted when a book is written by one thoroughly familiar with his subject and who has the gift of clearly expressing the result of his learning and research. We notice a few references to United States cases, but none to those in this country. As our law as to bills and notes and banking has so much in common with that of England some of our decisions might helpfully be referred to. Some of these have gone to England on appeal, and the final decisions therein are important additions to the subjects dealt with.

*Dictionary of legal quotations, with explanatory notes and references* by J. W. NORTON-KYSHE, of Lincoln Inn, Barrister-at-law, late Registrar of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong. London: Sweet & Maxwell, Limited, 3 Chancery Lane, W.C., 1904. 344 pages.

This most interesting book gives selected dicta of English Chancellors and Judges from the earliest periods to the present time, extracted mainly from reported decisions and embracing many epigrams and quaint sayings. A few quotations are also given from some Irish and Scotch judges.

Although this volume must have given the compiler great labour there is but little original matter in its pages; its contents thereby exemplifying the following quotation under the title "Text books:" "Brother Viner is not an authority. Cite the cases that Viner quotes—that you may do." And again, "I must treat with reverence everything which Lord Kenyon has said, but not everything which text writers have represented him to have said which he did not say."

In this connection it cannot be laid to the charge of our author that "most of the disputes in the world arise from words." (Lord Mansfield, *Morgan v. Jones* 1773, Lofft. 177) for there are no words of his own except some explanatory notes given as connecting links.

As Mr. Norton-Kyshe properly says, "The dicta of our Chancellors and Judges are so numerous and so good that regret has often been expressed that a record in accessible form