

tutes and parts of Statutes in force which relate to the practise of the Courts. The arrangement is chronological, and an analytical Index serves to facilitate reference to matter embraced. Mr Harrison has succeeded in producing a convenient and reliable circuit companion, and has most satisfactorily and creditably executed the task assumed; he has cleared away the rubbish, and given us the law as it stands—all statutable law in relation to practice in the Courts. References to corresponding statutes, which are for the most part given in marginal notes, will be found exceedingly useful, particularly those to the C. L. P. Acts.

Those most conversant with the labour of hunting through the disjointed mass which makes up the body of the Statute Law of U. C. will best appreciate the labour expended by the Editor in the preparation of this excellent little work.

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The Edition is limited, and we advise our readers to secure a copy without loss of time.

ENGLISH COMMON LAW REPORTS. VOL. 86. WITH TABLE OF CASES AND PRINCIPAL MATTERS. Edited by HON. GEORGE SHARSWOOD. T. & J. W. Johnson & Co., Philadelphia.

This, like other volumes of this series, is a reprint of the "authorized Reports" of the English Common Law Courts, and contains upwards of 900 pages, exclusive of the Index, which is put in small type.

The volume embraces the cases in the Court of Common Pleas and Exchequer Chamber in Easter and Trinity Terms, and Trinity Vacation, 1856, answering to Common Bench Reports, vol. xviii. The style and execution of the books in this series are good, and the price (\$2.50) per volume is far below the English price; while the notes by Judge Sharswood, with reference to American cases, add greatly to the value of the production.

A TREATISE ON THE LAW OF CONTRACTS, AND RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES EX CONTRACTU. By C. G. ADDISON, Esq., of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-Law. Second American, from the fourth English Edition, with notes and references, by EDWARD INGERSOL.—1857. Philadelphia, Robert H. Smith, Law Bookseller.

This popular and truly valuable work has reached the fourth edition, which was issued in England last year. The book before us is a reprint of the English work, and appears to be faithfully and accurately executed.

To the practising lawyer in Upper Canada *Addison on Contracts*, we have no hesitation in saying, will be found the most useful treatise extant on the important branch of the law it covers: and in this last edition the author has remodelled and improved the whole work, as well as added greatly to the original matter, exhibiting all the recent alterations, and giving all the recent cases illustrative of the rules and principles of the law of contracts.

This standard work has been taken in hand by an American editor, *Mr. Ingersol*, who has contributed a number of useful

notes with references to American decisions. These references are very full and complete, and add a new feature, enhancing the value of the work to the Canadian lawyer.

We have already expressed an opinion that American Reprints, with such references by a competent American editor, are more valuable to us than English editions, and the difference in price is considerable. We paid the agent of Stevens and Norton, the original publishers, £2 12s. 6d. for the English edition: the price of the Philadelphia reprint, with American cases, is only £1 12s. in Toronto. The style and mechanical execution of the Philadelphia edition is really good. We cordially recommend it to the profession.

We have one thing, however, to complain of—a fault rather in form than substance—the omission of any advertisement or preface by the American editor: a word from *Mr. Ingersol* would not have been amiss, and we think it was due to the profession.

ENGLISH REPORTS IN LAW AND EQUITY, VOL. 25. Edited by CHAUNCEY SMITH, Counsellor-at-Law. Little, Brown & Co., Boston.

The present volume of this well known series contains upwards of 600 pages, besides a full Index. It embraces 98 cases—viz., cases in the House of Lords and cases in the Court of Chancery during the years 1855-56. Many cases not to be found in the Queen's Bench, Common Bench and Ex. Reports, are given in this series, which furnishes in addition cases before the House of Lords, the Privy Council, the Lord Chancellor, the Court of Appeal in Chancery, the Admiralty and Ecclesiastical Courts.

The mechanical execution is good, and the price per volume (\$2) remarkably cheap.

A DIGEST OF THE DECISIONS OF THE COURTS OF ENGLAND, contained in the English Law and Equity Reports, from the first volume to the thirty-first, inclusive. By CHAUNCEY SMITH, Counsellor-at-Law. Philadelphia, 1857, Little, Brown & Co.

This necessary companion to the English Law and Equity Reports is a most creditable performance. The cases are very fully set out; (those in relation to practice, for example, occupying some 43 pages—those in relation to the English County Courts, about 12 pages): the analytical arrangement is excellent. The book will greatly facilitate the work of research.

The Digest is in small type, and, with the table of cases, contains over 900 pages of closely printed matter. This table is a most important addition to the work, and the references in each case is not only to the volume of the Law and Equity Reports where it is to be found, but also to the various English publications: this last more valuable to us than to the profession in the United States. There is also a reference to the page of the Digest.

Every one who possesses the Law and Equity Reports will of course procure a copy of this Digest; but apart from its worth in connection with the series to which it belongs, it possesses sufficient intrinsic value to commend it to the favorable notice of the profession here and elsewhere. We recommend our readers to get it: the price is £1 7s. 6d.