

with the jurisdiction and practice of the Judicial Committee. Another appendix gives the Judicial Committee rules of 1908, and various forms, also a time-table of steps to be taken on an appeal. The whole gives to practitioners a full insight into the subject, with much practical information which will be most helpful to all those concerned in appeals to the foot of the throne. The index appears to be copious and comprehensive.

Quite apart from the value of the work to practitioners there is much in it of interest to the lay readers.

On the Interpretation of Statutes. By the late SIR PETER BENSON MAXWELL, Chief Justice of the Straits Settlements. 5th edition by the late F. Stroud, Recorder of Tewkesbury. London: Sweet & Maxwell, Limited, 3 Chancery Lane, Law Publishers. Toronto: The Carswell Company. 1912.

This book is so well known that it is unnecessary to refer to it at length. It is simply the previous edition brought up to date. The object of the work, as stated in the preface of the first edition, is "to present in some order the leading principles which govern our courts in the interpretation of statutes with illustrations of their application, etc." The popularity of this work is sufficiently evidenced by the number of editions it has passed through: first edition, 1875; second, 1882; third, 1896; fourth, 1905.

Flotsam and Jetsam.

A detective was talking about jail breaking.

"Down in Colombo," he said, "they've got a very good dodge against the jail-breaker. It's simple, too. Just bricks."

"You see, the Mutival jail at Colombo is surrounded by a very high brick wall. Well, the last dozen courses of these bricks are laid loose, without mortar. So, when you try to escape, you climb stealthily, hardly daring to breathe, up the wall, and with a sigh of relief you reach the loose course at the top, and—clatter, crash, bang, clatter, clatter—a thousand bricks in the profound silence fall with a noise fit to wake the dead, and a dozen warders rush out, and you climb down sadly into their waiting arms."—*Case and Comment.*