

Book Reviews.

Limitation of Actions against Trustees and Relief from Liability for Technical Breaches of Trust, being a concise treatise upon the position of trustees, by FRANCIS A. ANGLIN, B.A., Barrister-at-Law. Toronto: Canada Law Book Company, 1900.

The law regarding the liability of trustees as affected by Statutes of Limitations has been radically changed during the last few years by the Imperial Act, 51 & 52 Vict., c. 59, s. 8, adopted in Ontario in 1891, see R.S.O. (1897) c. 129, s. 32, and in Nova Scotia in 1889 by 52 Vict., c. 18, s. 17; but we are not aware of any text-book which deals with this subject at all comprehensively.

Mr. Anglin, in the excellent little treatise before us, begins by concisely stating the difficulties under which trustees formerly laboured and which these enactments were designed to remove for the relief of "the honest trustee." He then proceeds to give a clear and well-arranged exposition of the effect of our statutes, dealing first with its scope and the cases excepted from its remedial operation, and then discussing and illustrating the many instances in which the statute will be found of substantial benefit to the trustees. The second part deals with the enactments whereby courts are enabled to relieve trustees from liability when, without dishonesty or culpable negligence or imprudence, some technical breach of trust has been committed.

Though professing to deal with a comparatively narrow branch of the law of trust and trustees, the author has introduced much information which will be of service to those seeking it upon other points connected with the duties and responsibilities of trustees and with the general law of limitations of actions. The work contains an appendix in which the statute law of England, Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba and British Columbia, affecting the subject dealt with in the text, is collated, and concludes with what appears to be a copious and satisfactory index. Mr. Anglin writes in a clear and forcible style, which makes easy the reading of his book. The publishers have done their part excellently well, the work being both in style, paper and printing quite equal to anything that we have seen published in England.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED 17TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

1230. (26) Clause 4 of sub-section (b) of Rule 26 is amended by adding thereto the following:—"when the same shall be transmitted to the Central Office, to be dealt with under Rule 340."
1231. (341) Rule 341 is hereby amended by striking out the word "Toronto" and the words "or in a Divisional Court" in the second line thereof.
1232. (792) Sub-section 2 of Rule 792 is hereby repealed and the following substituted for it:—
 (2) The party making the motion shall not be entitled, unless by leave of a Judge or of the Court, to set it down until the Record and Exhibits have been, and it shall be his duty to cause them to be, transmitted to the Central Office.