

Book Reviews.

International Law, with illustrative cases, by EDWIN MAXEY, M. Dipp., D.C.L., LL.D.; St. Louis. The F. H. Thomas Law Book Co. 1906. 800 pp.

This is a work by the scholarly Professor of Constitutional and International Law in the Law Department of the West Virginia University.

It is, in form and arrangement, more especially conformed to the needs of the class-room; and here we may remark that the work suffers nothing thereby as the table of contents readily shews. We are brought down step by step to the present stage of development of the law on this important subject, and after that the theoretical and practical side is dealt with. The first part is historical; the second deals with the sources of this branch of the law. The remaining parts tell of peace, or as it is called "the normal relation of states," (we doubt this as a fact at least until the millennium comes)—war—neutrals—need of an international conference. The latter is of course desirable, but peace conferences have not done much up to the present time in causing wars to cease.

A very useful feature of this book is the collection of various leading cases. The author's style is simple, but clear, forcible and logical.

The Law of Contracts, by WILLIAM HERBERT PAGE, Professor of Law in the Ohio State University; Cincinnati: The W. H. Anderson Co. 3 vols. 3083 pp.

A monumental work truly. The table of contents alone covers 65 pages; the index over 300 pages, and over 35,000 cases are cited.

No one man knows all the law on any given subject, but it would be difficult to name any subject connected with the law of contracts which is not fully discussed in this treatise. And a treatise it is, and not a mere collection of cases.

The author in his short and modest preface states the object of his labours to be to state the law of contracts as it exists to-day in America. But as no statement of the law can be complete if the original common law theory of contracts and the modification of that theory by the English Courts is omitted we are given the English authorities dealing therewith.