

that the contents of the book will not only sufficiently explain its *raison d'être*, but justify its publication, and they do both. A portion of the matter is necessarily not applicable to this country, but the large amount of information given on subjects which are of interest, and the exceedingly clear, concise and exhaustive treatment of the subject, cannot be too highly commended. The volume is divided into nine books, covering: The admission and qualification of solicitors—Their rights and privileges, and herein of unqualified practitioners—The jurisdiction of courts over solicitors as officers thereof—Retainers—Remuneration—Liens—Delivery and taxation of bills—Recovery of Costs and Relations of Solicitors inter se, including partnership and agency.

The appendices which contain the Acts and Regulations as to Solicitors in England, and their admission to practice, are inapplicable in this country, but are useful for reference and comparison.

Engineering and Architectural Jurisprudence, a presentation of the law of construction for engineers, architects, contractors, builders, public officers and attorneys-at-law, by JOHN CAPE WAIT, M.S.E., LL.B. John Wiley & Son, New York, 1898. \$6.

Mr. Wait, who is also a lawyer, was, in 1887, instructor of engineering at Harvard University. In this very useful book he does for the engineer and architect that which Taylor and others have done for the medical profession. It would not be strictly accurate to say that there is no work on architectural jurisprudence, but for all practical purposes this is so, and this text book therefore supplies a felt want. Not only has the engineer's and architect's field of practice been largely extended of late years, but the practising lawyer must in these days, if he desires to be efficient, have a better knowledge of details connected with the departments covered by the various branches of business touched upon in this book than was requisite formerly. Lawyers are not usually as familiar with the difficulties and dangers attending construction work, or the methods employed, as they should be for their clients' protection. The information given by Mr. Wait puts them in a position to acquire a store of knowledge which would be otherwise unattainable without enormous labour. The extent of the author's research is evidenced by the fact that the book contains over 900 pages of extra width and size, which would be sufficient to make an ordinary volume of at least 1,200 pages, and he refers to nearly 5,000 cases. The book is divided into four parts, with numerous sub-divisions, so arranged as to give a very understandable and easily obtainable knowledge of the matters discussed under each heading. These parts are as follows: 1. Law of Contracts in general, illustrated and explained throughout by engineering and architectural cases. 2. Bids and bidders, their rights and liabilities. 3. A construction contract, its phraseology, terms, conditions, stipulations and requirements, their interpretation and force. 4. The employment of engineers and architects, their duties and responsibilities.