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BOOK REVIEWS.

The Law of Wills. By Melville M. Bigelow, editor of "Sixth American Edition of Jarman on Wills." Cloth, pages xxxii, 398. Little, Brown, & Company, Boston. 1898.

A good text-book for students on Wills has been supplied. Mr. Bigelow here combines the results of his experience in teaching with his researches in the law of wills. His book therefore is accurate and clear. He believes in developing his subject theoretically and then illustrating it by the rulings, even if sometimes mistaken, of the courts. A thorough discussion of an erroneous decision gives greater thinking power to the student than a statement of the rulings in a dozen correct ones; and this thorough discussion can be carried on intelligently only after a good understanding of the theory. Mr. Bigelow always has his point of view and in leading to it he does not raise such a cloud of ambiguity as to bewilder his followers. The chapters on construction are the clearest and most logical statement of that subject that we have seen. The book is comparatively small, but we believe its use will confirm our experience, that the amount that the student absorbs is in inverse proportion to the size of his text-book.

We suggest that, in view of the definition of remainders, which American text-books give, the subject is not sufficiently developed in the chapter on "Executory Gifts." Also the illustration at the bottom of page 351 seems incomplete.

A Treatise on the Law of Easements. By Leonard A. Jones, author of the "Law of Mortgages," etc. Sheep, pages lxiii., 768. Baker, Voorhis & Company, New York. 1898.

This volume, while complete in itself, is a continuation of Mr. Jones' "Law of Real Property." His books are eminently practical, and are written for the practicing lawyer. Accordingly the discussion of rights of way, the topic in easements which is of most frequent occurrence and of greatest importance, occupies a full third of the volume. Some five thousand cases are cited, and those on leading points are grouped in the foot notes by States. It is to be hoped that Mr. Jones will carry out his project of writing on other subjects in Real Property.

Law Latin. By E. Hilton Jackson, LL.M., Instructor in Law and Law-Latin in the Summer School of the Columbian University. Sheep, pages xiv., 219. John Byrne & Company, Washington, D. C. 1897.

A knowledge of Latin is more and more being required for admission to law schools. The Yale Law School makes it a condition