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Legal Essays. By James Bradley Thayer, LL.D., late Weld Professor of Law at Harvard University. The Boston Book Co., Boston, 1908. pp. 402.

This collection of the legal essays of the late Prof. Thayer is one of considerable interest and value. The book contains in convenient form a large number of the instructive short works which Prof. Thayer wrote from time during the last twenty years of his life. For the most part the essays in this volume are here reprinted from the Harvard Law Review to which Prof. Thayer was a generous contributor. From his note book it was learned that he had had in mind making such a collection as this and publishing it and, while it is realized that had he lived to do this himself the results would have been an even greater achievement, still the work in its present form, carefully compiled and indexed as it is, deserves the highest commendation. Any words that Prof. Thayer has uttered on legal matters cannot be too carefully preserved and this collection preserves in one volume many of the best of Prof. Thayer's legal contributions, some of the most important of which are: "The Origin and Scope of the American Doctrine of Constitutional Law," "Legal Tender," "A People Without Law," "Our New Possessions," "Bedingfield's Case—Declarations as a Part of the Res Gesto."

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