

BOOK NOTICES.

Handbook on the Law of Torts. By William B. Hale, LL.B., author of "Bailments and Carriers," "Damages," etc. Law sheep, 636 pages. West Publishing Co., St. Paul, Minn., 1896.

The list of text books on the subject of Torts has received an exceedingly valuable addition in this work of Mr. Hale's, one of the most recent of the "Hornbook Series." Though written, as the author states in his preface, merely as an abridgement in a single volume of the more extended treatise of Mr. Jaggard, the language and mode of treatment in many parts are the writer's own. This is true especially of the chapters on "Negligence" and "Master and Servant," which are exceedingly well written. The tendency of the entire book is toward clearness and accuracy in the statement of the legal principles involved, and the effect of this is supplemented by the typographical arrangement common to all the "Hornbook Series," the principles being printed in conspicuous bold-faced type, and the discussion and explanation of these in ordinary print. The notes and references are copious, and conflicting authorities carefully indicated wherever they occur.

The Law of Passenger and Freight Elevators. By James Avery Webb of the St. Louis and Memphis Bars. Half law sheep, 128 pages. The F. H. Thomas Law Book Co., St. Louis, Mo., 1896.

Mr. Webb, who is already well known to the legal profession as the editor of the last edition of "Burrill on Assignments," "Pollock on Torts," and "Smith on Negligence," has produced a very instructive monograph on the law of elevators. The subject is concisely and yet fully treated, and the volume forms a complete digest of the existing law in respect to this class of carriers. At the end of the book is a collection of the statutory provisions in the different States regulating the construction and operation of elevators.

Studies in the Civil Law. By William Wirt Howe, formerly Justice of the Supreme Court of Louisiana. Cloth, 329 pages. Little, Brown & Co., Boston, Mass., 1896.

Judge Howe, while occupying the position of W. L. Storrs Professor of Municipal Law in Yale University in the year 1894, delivered a very able series of lectures on the study of the Civil Law, and on its connection with English and American law. These lectures he has revised and expanded and published for the first time in book form. The first part of the volume is de-

voted to the historical side of the subject, treating of the early condition of the Civil Law and its influence in England. Next is taken up the more technical part, the origin and the extinguishment of "obligations"; then the Roman mode of procedure is dealt with, and the book closes with an interesting and beautifully written sketch of the famous Louisiana jurist, Judge Martin. This group of lectures will be of great advantage to those beginning the study of the Civil Law, and the value of the work is enhanced by the fact that it is from the pen of so eminent an authority.

Elements of the Law of Torts. By Melville M. Bigelow, Ph.D., LL.D. Cloth, 386 pages. Little, Brown & Co., Boston, Mass., 1896.

It gives us great pleasure to note the appearance of the sixth edition of Mr. Bigelow's well-known work on Torts. It is written in the same careful style as the former editions and with the same broad treatment of the subject. The author in the first part of the book starts with the consideration of a tort as a breach of a duty owing by one to his fellows, and in the remainder of the volume classes all torts under three heads: breaches of the duty to refrain from fraud or malice; breaches of absolute duty, and breaches of the duty to refrain from negligence. This arrangement allows the student a view of the entire subject at the outset, and reduces to a minimum the difficulties attendant upon the study of so intricate a subject.

Jurisdiction, Practice, and Peculiar Jurisprudence of the Courts of the United States. By Benjamin Robbins Curtis, LL.D. Cloth, 316 pages. Little, Brown & Co., Boston, Mass., 1896.

The second edition of this work of Judge Curtis is the result of a careful revision and annotation of the former edition, which was rendered necessary by the changes in the United States Statutes in regard to jurisdiction and procedure in the Federal Courts. Though it is intended primarily for students the book will undoubtedly be of great assistance to the skilled practitioner on account of its accuracy of statement and its broad scope, which make it a most reliable index to this branch of the law.

The Law of Charitable Uses. Trusts, and Donations in New York. By Robert Ludlow Fowler. Law sheep, 198 pages. The Diossy Law Book Co., New York, 1896.

Mr. Fowler has traced the course of the law of charitable donations from its origin in England through all its changes until it reached its present condition under the laws of New

York State. Every step in its growth has been distinctly noted, and the whole subject is handled with unusual skill. The treatise provides the reader with an immense amount of information both as to the historical aspect and as to the present state of the law on these points.

International Law. By Freeman Snow, Ph.D., LL.B., late instructor in International Law in Harvard University. Law sheep, 172 pages. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., 1895.

The course of lectures on International Law delivered by Dr. Snow at the Naval War College in 1894 was so valuable that it was ordered by the Secretary of the Navy to be revised and published. The book is intended chiefly for naval officers, but will reward richly a perusal of its pages by the civilian.

Handbook on the Law of Persons and Domestic Relations. By Walter C. Tiffany. Law sheep, 512 pages. The West Publishing Co., St. Paul, Minn., 1896.

The last publication in the "Hornbook Series" is fully up to the high standard set by former issues. Mr. Tiffany has handled the subject in an able and systematic manner. In four parts out of the five into which the book is divided he treats at length of the rights and duties growing out of the four domestic relations. The fifth part has been supplied by Mr. William L. Clark, Jr., and in it are discussed the subjects of Infants, Persons Non Compotes Mentis, and Aliens. The whole forms a most valuable treatise on the subject.

A Treatise on the Law of Personal Property. By James Schouler, LL.D., Professor in the Boston University Law School. Law sheep, two volumes, 732 and 720 pages. Little, Brown & Co., Boston, Mass., 1896.

Dr. Schouler has already made valuable contributions to modern legal literature by his treatises on Domestic Relations, Bailments, Executors and Wills. The first edition of his work on Personal Property filled a want long felt by the legal profession of a text-book dealing with that subject in the same thorough and exhaustive way in which many books have treated of Real Property. The third edition has been produced lately under the personal supervision of the author, and shows in every part the skill of the veteran text writer. The foot notes contain an unusually complete and extensive compilation of cases and decisions of the courts of last resort. We predict for the book in its present form increased popularity and success.