

'95.—Miss Jean Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Lee of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Frank S. Donnelly of Scranton, Pa., were married Nov. 27, at Miss Lee's home, 174 North Franklin street.

'98.—E. W. Beattie, Jr., of Springfield, Mass., lately spent some time in Montana as attorney for the Eastern stockholders of the Basin and Bay State Mining Company.

'99.—Ernest C. Simpson is practicing law in New Haven. Mr. Simpson also holds the position of bookkeeper at the Yale Dining Hall.

'99.—Michael T. Downes of Wallingford has been appointed by the County Commissioners of New Haven as liquor prosecuting agent for what is known as the horseshoe district, which includes the towns of Wallingford, North Haven, Hamden, Branford and Orange. Attorney Downes is also Prosecuting Attorney of Wallingford's borough court.

1900.—William R. Pitkin has entered the offices of Beach & Fisher, New Haven, Conn.

1901.—William L. Barnett has left the offices of Watrous & Day and has entered the offices of Williams & Harriman, Derby, Conn.

BOOK REVIEWS.

Abbot's Trial Brief. By Austin Abbott. Second edition. Rochester: The Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Company. 1901. 1 vol., pp. 653.

How to get in one's legal evidence and keep out the illegal evidence of the adversary concerns every practicing lawyer. The aim of this book is to present in a simple and practical form the various modes by which these objects can be attained, stating the rules of admission and exclusion as they apply to each individual fact, and then illustrating with a wide and careful selection of cases. Although primarily a second edition called forth by the many valuable decisions of the last ten years, it has been greatly enlarged and in many particulars improved. The pages are over double the former number. An exceedingly important addition among the new chapters is one on Insanity. The subject of handwriting to which the attention of the general public as well as of the profession has been drawn by recent trials in the state of New York, has been enlarged and rewritten, the discussion of standards of comparison and expert testimony thereon being particularly full and valuable.

The roominess of the book impresses one most favorably. Books of this character have a fatal tendency to be a confusing sequence of statements and cases, but here all crowding has been studiously avoided and the thorough and painstaking work to be seen throughout the pages especially on the preparation of the cited cases make it an extremely usable book and one in which the facts are easily accessible. The manner of presentation of the topics is too well known to the profession to need description. The plan of alphabetical order adopted in the similar works by Abbott is followed, making the book itself an index. No practitioner can afford or will attempt to do without it.

The Law of Agency. By Ernest W. Huffcut, Professor of Law in Cornell University Law School. Second Edition. Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1901. 1 volume, 384 pages; \$3 and \$3.50, in buckram or sheep.

This attractive work on Agency, so well accepted in its first edition is bound to meet with even greater success in its revised shape. Important and wise changes have been made. In the first place, Book I dealing with the law of Principal and Agent has been largely rewritten, and in the second place Book II dealing entirely with the law of Master and Servant in its various ramifications appears for the first time in this edition, the two together making practically a new book. A really good and comprehensive work on the law of Master and Servant has been needed for some time and we think it has been obtained here. The important differences between the law of Master and Servant and the law of Principal and Agent, so apt to be overlooked or confused by the student and sometimes by the practitioner, are well brought out and clearly distinguished. The author has done well, owing to the size of the work, in selecting only the most important and best considered cases for reference. The book in its revised shape is sure to meet with the hearty approval of all lawyers and the earnest appreciation and consideration of all teachers of law.

A Handbook on Parliamentary Practice. By Rufus Waples, Esq. Second Edition. Cloth. 306 pages. Callagan & Co., Chicago.

This book is simply a reprint of the earlier edition with another chapter added and one or two slight changes which experience has proved desirable.

The work is not intended to take the place of those excellent handbooks of Roberts and Cushing, but is rather a treatise on the subject from a scientific standpoint. The author explains each rule and the reason for it as he goes along, and at the end of each chapter there is an analysis in the form of questions and answers. Where rules of different legislative bodies differ, such differences are carefully noted.

The procedure in Congress, as prescribed by the constitution is treated in a separate chapter. The character of the work is such that tables, by which the application of the rules is made mechanical are but little used. For those who wish to take up the subject as a study the present work should be most useful.

BOOK NOTICES.

The following have been received for review since our last issue:

SKETCHES IN HISTORY AND JURISPRUDENCE. *James Bryce.* Oxford Pres. Am. Branch.

BISHOP'S DIRECTIONS AND FORMS. By *Winslow Evans.* Flood & Co.

ALDEN'S HANDBOOK OF THE CODE. Baker, Voorhis & Co.

