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Book Review: Law Books in Print

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but contains also some essays). Similarly, more or less popular English publications on income taxation might well be listed. In the Brazilian volume, the bibliography shows considerable gaps. Another omission in the volumes on Mexican and Brazilian law is that the legal sources concerning taxation of the political subdivisions do not seem to be covered satisfactorily.

These defects do not mar the excellent overall impression which this series makes.

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The publication of this volume is an important bibliographical event for the law library profession. This book will supply a long felt need as indicated by the many statements and reports which have been made at the annual meetings of the American Association of Law Libraries. No law library in this country or abroad should be without a copy.

This book will of course be a useful tool for the ordering of treatises, containing as it does the most complete bibliographical information, including that of price, on law books to be found anywhere. The real value of this book to the acquisition section, as well as perhaps to the cataloging section, of the law library may be further indicated by pointing out that we have here one of the few places outside of the Cumulative Book Index that gives us the full name of the author and the full title of the book. This feature is important to law libraries because CBI does not list many law books and the catalogs of law publishers give only brief author and title information.

As important as this publication will be in the acquisition of legal publications, it will perhaps be of almost equal value to the reference section of the law library. We can be most grateful to the publishers for having included in the single alphabet a subject list of law books in print. Those librarians familiar with the Bowker publication, Books in Print, will realize what an advantage it is to have a subject index in the book under review at its initial appearance. Books in Print, published for many years, has just recently issued its first subject index in a separate volume.

Because of its subject lists, this publication will be valuable to all law libraries regardless of size. To the small law library it will be invaluable in planning the acquisition of materials in a given subject or area which had not been developed heretofore. To the large library having most of these volumes in the library, this volume will be a very quick means of ascertaining the recent publications in any given subject. Any library will from time to time certainly discover some item of value which had been overlooked or not considered of sufficient value at the time of publication.

One would of course expect to find subdivisions in the subject lists and of particular value is the one for "Bibliography." To the reference librarian this should be useful when one considers how often requests for such pub-
lications are received. We note in passing that in this connection we came across one of the few errors that has caught our eye. On page 74 the excellent bibliography on foreign and comparative law by Charles Szladits has not been listed under the subdivision but included with the regular texts.

Mention must be made of the number of ways in which any book could be located. While complete bibliographical information is found under author, any volume could be located also under joint author, editor, compiler, translator, title, series, as well as the subject. Under titles, only a brief description is given, but publisher, date, pagination and price are given under this and all other forms of the entry. One other note should be made here and that is under each series entry will be found a complete list of publications still in print and of legal interest.

Attention should be directed to the very fine list of “Publishers and Distributors” at the end of the volume as well as the “List of Series.” The former list gives the full name and address, while the latter gives the full name of the series, the publisher and the place of publication.

Because of the publishers’ appreciation of the librarian’s concern with the use of good paper, binding and printing so that a book will be easy to use, to read and to handle, we have here a fine production job. The type for subject headings is in bold capitals and easy to catch while the type for the other entries as well as the bibliographical information is clear, readable and well spaced. The wide margins are especially welcome and the book is well bound and attractive.

An excellent piece of work has been produced and we can thank the publishers for having obtained the services of two such competent editors. Myron Jacobstein is the assistant librarian and Mrs. Pimsleur the order librarian, both at Columbia Law Library. Mrs. Pimsleur is particularly qualified for this work, having been responsible for much of the bibliographical work and lists in Effective Legal Research by Price and Bitner. A difficult and painstaking job has been well executed.

To the publishers, Philip Cohen and Fred Rothman, must go a good deal of credit for the excellence of this work. Their combined background and experience in law libraries undoubtedly was of considerable assistance in producing this very worthwhile bibliographical tool. We look forward to the long life of this volume by supplements issued regularly and promptly.

To all connected with this production the law librarians owe a debt of gratitude for having, as so well put by Lord Coke, “broken the ice, and out of (their) owne industry and observation framed this high and honourable building. . . .”

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When this book first appeared in 1924 it had disparate reviews. Mitchell regarded it as “one of the largest contributions made in this genera-