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A SELECTION OF CASES ON THE LAW OF INSURANCE. By *Edwin H. Woodruff*, Professor of Law in the College of Law, Cornell University. New York: Baker, Voorhis & Co., 1900. Canvas, pp. 592.

This latest series of cases by Prof. Woodruff adds its evidence to the increasing interest in and importance of the law of insurance, meeting, as it does, a demand on the part of the profession and on the part of the law schools, in the latter of which it is receiving greater attention than heretofore was deemed necessary. The conventional preface is omitted. The analysis of the subject commends itself for its logical sequence, the division being into nine parts amplified by nearly 400 cases, adequately illustrative of the law developed to date. One notes with a sense of satisfaction that the paper used is of a better grade than is used in the general run of law books, and this, taken in connection with good letterpress, has resulted, from the mechanical point of view, also, in an attractive edition.

ABBOTT'S TRIAL EVIDENCE. By *Austin Abbott, LL.D.* Second Edition by *John J. Crawford* of the New York Bar. New York: Baker, Voorhis & Co., 1900.

Abbott's Rules of Evidence, applicable on the trial of civil actions, at common law, in equity, and under the code of procedure, after twenty years of unprecedented popularity among young practitioners and students, as well as being a recognized authority by the older members of both bar and bench, has been revised and enlarged by John J. Crawford of the New York Bar and is receiving a more hearty reception by the legal profession than ever. It has been well said to be "a whole library of the rules of evidence upon every question likely to arise upon a trial," for it gives the rules for both prosecution and defense. The second edition is revised, enlarged, up to date, and being concerned with the proper application of the general principles of the law of evidence it is an indispensable addition to the library of every lawyer or law student in the United States.

COLLIER ON EVIDENCE. Third Edition. By *James W. Eaton*. Albany: Matthew Bender. 1 vol., pp. 866.

The popularity of this work is shown by the fact that this is the third edition issued since 1898. The author's treatment of the subject in this revised and enlarged edition is comprehensive, including the official forms as just promulgated by the Supreme Court, the rules and orders prescribed by the same Court, the statutes of 1800, 1841, 1867 and 1898, the exemption laws of the States, the United States equity rules, and citation of all authorities to date, with comment upon them. It should prove much more useful to members of the profession than previous editions.

SOHM'S INSTITUTES OF ROMAN LAW. Second edition. The Clarendon Press, London and New York.

Sohm's Institutes has been too long before the public and too favorably known to invite much comment. It has already become one of the standard works on Roman law. The fact that the present edition is the second in Eng-

lish and corresponds to something like the eighth or ninth in German, is encomium enough. But we are particularly fortunate in having a new edition appear just at this time. Our relations with countries that have ever had the Roman law as the foundation of their jurisprudence has become very close since the Spanish war. So that to-day an accurate knowledge of the Civil law can hardly be considered by the lawyer as an embellishment but rather as a useful tool in his profession. The study of the Roman law is undoubtedly becoming more and more popular and there is no book we know of that treats this rather bulky and intricate subject in a handier and more comprehensive way than this new edition of Sohm's.

THE GREAT TRIAL OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY. By *Samuel C. Parks, A.M.*
Kansas City: Hudson-Kimberly Publishing Co. 1 vol., cloth, pp.173.

In this book the author endeavors to point out what he considers the folly and immorality of the policy which this country is pursuing toward the Philippine Islands. The subject-matter is in the form of a trial, in which President McKinley is the prisoner, charged with the murder of twenty thousand Filipinos. The speakers before the tribunal are famous men in different epochs of history. The author has tried to make the speeches conform to their character and in several instances has copied almost literally from their published works. At the end of the book are some essays and speeches, relative to the same subject. Aside from its real merit, the ingenuity of the work is enough to warrant one in reading it.

The receipt of the following books is acknowledged and reviews will follow:

SAUNDERS' MEDICAL HAND ATLASES. W. B. Saunders & Co., Philadelphia.

SIMS ON COVENANTS. Callaghan & Co., Chicago.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES. Thorpe. 3 vol.
Callaghan & Co., Chicago.

EDDY ON COMBINATIONS. 2 vol. Callaghan & Co., Chicago.

CASES ON CODE PLEADING. Hepburn. W. H. Anderson & Co., Cincinnati.