

## BOOK REVIEWS

*The Modern Law of Evidence.* Volume V. *Media of Proof.*  
By Charles F. Chamberlayne. Published by Matthew Bender  
& Co., Albany, N. Y. 1916. pp. 1216.

The appearance of the fifth volume of this work marks the completion of an exhaustive *modern* treatise on the subject of evidence. The worth of the work has been well testified to by the warm welcome accorded the preceding volumes. It presents a treatment characterized by deep learning and understanding, but free from novel nomenclature which leads often to confusion and misunderstanding. In a word, it is essentially a practical book written for the active practitioner.

The fifth volume treats of documents, both private writings and all classes of public documents and records; the parol evidence rule and best evidence rule; evidence by perception or real evidence, and witnesses. This volume also contains a complete table of cases and index. To the active practitioner the work is invaluable.

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*The Law of Unincorporated Associations and Similar Relations.*  
By Sydney R. Wrightington. Published by Little, Brown &  
Company, Boston. 1916. pp. 486.

As pointed out by the author in the preface to this book the many and often onerous regulations imposed upon corporations by legislatures has led to an attempt to escape from the burdens thereof by recourse to other forms of combinations, namely, unincorporated associations of various types. To fill the growing need among lawyers for an adequate treatment of this subject the present work was undertaken. For convenience in treatment the associations are divided into four main groups: associations for profit; trusts; unassociated groups, and non-profit associations. In the appendix are printed certain forms which have been considered in recent decisions and are of value as suggestions to the lawyer. The book appears to be a satisfactory and valuable treatise on this hitherto inadequately covered subject.

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*The Ancient Hebrew Law of Homicide.* By Mayer Sulzberger. Published by Julius H. Greenstone, Philadelphia. 1915. pp. 160.

The book in hand consists of a series of five lectures delivered before the Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning in March and April, 1913. It belongs to a series of studies in Jewish Jurisprudence and Institutes of Government. The formation of the new Hebrew state after the crossing of the Jordan was marked by a bitter struggle between Canaanite views in both religion and law with Hebraic principles. To show the contest between the Hebrew law on the one side, and the Canaanite practice on the other, the author has chosen to begin with the law of homicide, not only because of its fundamental importance, but also because the *Torah* gives fuller and more detailed information on this branch of jurisprudence than on any other subject of the criminal law. The book is intensely interesting and of great value to the student of Jewish Jurisprudence.

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*Report on the Statistics of Labor. Massachusetts.* Edited by Charles F. Gettemy.

Of this report, Part I and Part VII, which in some 442 pages give the text of all the Massachusetts statutes relative to the labor question, are invaluable to the Massachusetts lawyer. The sections are very fully indexed.

*Digest of Workmen's Compensation Laws in the United States and Territories, with Annotations.* By F. Robertson Jones. Fourth edition, revised to Dec. 1, 1915. Workmen's Compensation Publicity Bureau, New York. 1915. pp. 73.

This digest comprises an analysis of the workmen's compensation laws in each state where enacted, and where not held unconstitutional. The analysis is made available for quick use by a convenient system of marginal reference, whereby the law of each state, divided into convenient sub-topics, can be found. The citation of cases under the topical headings adds to its value. Although the texts of the laws are not given, the analysis is valuable in comparing the laws of the various states, and in acquiring a knowledge of the scope of the law of each individual state. The digest is comprehensive and exhaustive, and is well worth having at hand.