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BOOK REVIEWS.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON TWENTY-FIVE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT LEGAL SUBJECTS.—Second Edition. By Wilber A. Owen, LL. M., of the Toledo, Ohio, bar. St. Paul, Minnesota, 1900. West Publishing Company. pp. v, 613.

Mr. Owen has adopted the plan of choosing one book (usually one of the Horn book series) on each topic, and drawing his answers chiefly from that; where he alters the definitions he has almost always secured greater clearness and accuracy. It is, of course, impossible in a work of this kind which is intended for general use in all the States, to treat subjects with reference to statutory law, and while the author tries to give proper warnings, it is necessary for a student to bear this limitation in mind, if he is not to be misled. Upon the subjects which are governed by commercial law and custom, or where the common law is generally unaltered, a brief, clear review of the leading principles and more important definitions is given, which should be of much assistance to a person preparing for examination, and the method adopted of following pretty closely one book on each topic renders it easy to extend the review if desired.

The subjects which may be especially mentioned are Sales, Negotiable Instruments, Suretyship, Partnership and Corporations. Upon the last topic there are frequent references to Clark and Beach, and occasional ones to Thompson and Morawetz. It is difficult to cover satisfactorily the ground in Contracts in little over one hundred questions, but good judgment is shown in their choice. On the subjects of Real Property, Trusts (treated by the author briefly under the general head of equity) and Pleading, civil and criminal, the book is of less value to the New York student. For the kind of examination in vogue here a few years ago, involving many calls for definitions, it furnishes a remarkably good eleventh hour review, and even for the more recent kind, consisting of problems to be solved, it is of use to get a few leading principles and definitions clearly in the mind.

THE LAW IN ITS RELATIONS TO PHYSICIANS.—By Arthur W. Taylor, LL. B., of the New York Bar. New York, 1900. D. Appleton & Co. pp. iv, 550.

This book was written for the medical profession. Its object is to inform physicians of their rights and obligations, and to elucidate and illustrate, in some degree, the legal principles upon which these rights and obligations depend. This knowledge is scattered throughout the innumerable volumes of legal reports, and is, of course, inaccessible to the medical profession, and the author in collecting and arranging cases, illustrating this special field of the law, has per-