

are not made in the case of every sale, as might be expected from the heading, but only where the sale is made between parties of the same name, or where a beneficiary is purchasing the share of another beneficiary. This minor criticism is the only one which can be made of a book which should be of great use and assistance to both branches of the profession. The price is the modest sum of thirty shillings.

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*Palmer's Company Law.* Nineteenth edition. By His Honour A. F. TOPHAM, LL.M., K.C. London 1949. Pp. lxxx, 456. Appendices, pp. 457-805, Index, pp. 807-832 : Stevens & Sons Ltd.

*The Principles of Company Law.* Fifth edition. By J. CHARLESWORTH, LL.D. London 1949. Pp. xl, 286. Appendices, pp. 287-334, Index, pp. 335-344 : Stevens & Sons Ltd.

The new editions of these two established works have been necessitated by the coming into operation of the new English *Companies Act* 1948.

The former book retains its character as a "practical book for lawyers and business men." Its narrative form makes it useful to the Victorian student seeking an extended treatment of Company Law doctrines. The text of the *Companies Act* 1948 and tables of comparison between the new and the earlier Acts are included amongst the appendices.

The second publication, which also is in narrative form, is intended for the use of students. The author has succeeded in high-lighting the principles underlying the detailed character of company legislation. Interspersed throughout the text are simple illustrations from decided cases, and, provided due attention is given to the differences between the English and the Victorian legislation in matters of detail, the book should repay study.

*Dicey's Conflict of Laws*, Sixth Edition, edited by J. H. C. MORRIS with specialist editors : London : Stevens & Sons : Sweet and Maxwell : 1949 : pp. lxiv, 912.

This edition is of particular interest to Victorian lawyers as one of the specialist editors is Zelman Cowen, a graduate of Melbourne. Accordingly we note that Australian cases and journals are discussed. These discussions will be of great assistance to local practitioners. The other specialist editors are R. Cross, O. Kahn-Freund, K. Lipstein, C. Parry, R. S. Welsh and B. A. Wortley.

When Dicey first produced his text-book in 1896, it represented a pioneer attempt to introduce order and reason into a part of law which