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The Logical and Legal Bases of the Conflicts of Laws. By Walter Wheeler Cook. Cambridge: Harvard University Press. 1942. Pp. xiv, 473. \$5.00.

In an attempt to reach the truest solutions to the problems which present themselves in the Conflicts of Laws, this volume by a predominating authority begins with a very provocative inquiry into reasoning and logical processes in general. Then the logical processes peculiar to law and the discovery of justice are discussed, and the resulting fundamental principles used to solve conflicts problems. In its empirical form, and from its lofty view, the book almost irresistibly convinces one of the validity of its various conclusions. Portions of the Restatement of the Conflicts of Laws are cited at all relevant points.

Law in Medical and Dental Practice. By Jack Neal Lott, Jr., and Robert Hanes Gray. Chicago: The Foundation Press. 1942. Pp. vi, 499. \$4.75.

Before preparing this very unusual and useful little casebook its authors had found themselves handicapped in teaching medical law to medical students because of the lack of a simplified, teachable text in language understandable to those with no legal training. This book purports to fill that need. Written for doctors, it will be also a valuable aid for lawyers. The simplicity of the book adds to its readability without harming the substantive recapitulation of the law. The topics which are included are quite thoroughly handled, though some of the less frequently occurring problems of medical practice had to be omitted in the interest of simplification.

Lawyers and the Constitution. By Benjamin R. Twiss. Princeton: Princeton University Press. 1942. Pp. xii, 271. \$3.00.

In contrast to the many recent volumes on the revolutionary New Deal tendencies of the United States Supreme Court, this volume is concerned mainly with the beginning, development, flowering, and decline of the laissez-faire ideologies which dominated the court for fifty years prior to the New Deal. One great value of the book is that it manages, at this advanced date, to look back at the days of laissez faire in perspective, and to fit them tidily into their niche in the record of the social progress of the country. Another value is that the scholarly presentation of the history of laissez faire is greatly enlivened by pen-

etrating biographical sketches of the great corporation lawyers who were so successful for so many decades in making the court steadfastly believe in *laissez faire*.

The Impact of Federal Taxes. By Roswell Magill. New York: Columbia University Press. 1943. Pp. ix, 218. \$3.00.

The author of this volume has been a pioneer teacher of taxation law, as well as attorney and technical expert for the United States Treasury Department on two occasions, and Undersecretary of the Treasury. Hence he has a fine command of both the intricate technique of taxation, and the philosophies and policies behind tax law, a fact very evident from this book. The legal aspects of the volume occupy comparatively little space. It is in no sense a hornbook of the law of taxation. Rather it is an interpretation of the federal tax policy, together with many practical suggestions as to how our taxing system can be rearranged to provide greater yield, greater fairness to the tax-paying citizens, and cheaper and simpler methods of tax collection. Most pungent sentence: "We would do well to pay more than a third of the costs of the war as we go, while incomes and purchasing power are high, while there are the most obvious reasons for supporting the government to the full."

Cases on Labor Law. By James M. Landis and Marcus Manoff. Second Edition. Chicago: The Foundation Press. 1942. Pp. xxxii, 1103. \$7 50.

The rapidly changing picture of labor law has necessitated this revised edition of Dean Landis' casebook only eight years after the appearance of the first edition, and five years after the completion of the supplement to the first edition. The impact of the very many recent decisions on the relations between the worker and his union, as well as the recent free speech decisions, have compelled considerable reorganizing of some sections. A very complete casebook by a pre-dominating authority.