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## BOOK REVIEWS

*Burby on Real Property*, by William E. Burby, Professor of Law, University of Southern California. Published as a textbook by West Publishing Co., St. Paul, Minn. Containing 656 pages, including the index; bound in red frabricoid.

This book contains a concise up to date statement of the modern law of real property with sufficient of the historical background to make it understandable to the average student. Theoretical discussion is conspicuously absent, although upon points on which the courts are not in agreement, the conflict is stated with the leading cases that sustain each point of view. The footnotes, while ample, do not contain a mere cumulation of cases in an attempt to cite all the available ones. This policy has proved of advantage in keeping down the size of the volume, while retaining the advantage of citing all the cases necessary to illustrate the text.

A further inovation is a departure from the blind footnote idea; sufficient facts of many of the footnote cases are stated to make resort to the report unnecessary to determine whether the decision is in point.

The editors have confined the scope of the book to the main topics which are taught in most law schools as the course on real property; the topics usually treated in separate courses such as mortgages, trusts and wills being omitted. This is advantageous in avoiding an unnecessarily large volume and duplication of subject matter which is available in separate texts. Other assets worthy of mention include a useful table of cases and an excellent index. The book should be a convenient teaching tool, and where the case method is in use should be helpful for review and filling in any gaps that may occur. I have personally found it very useful in finding cases to supplement my case book.

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*Traffic Courts*, George Warren. Published under the joint auspices of the National Conference of Judicial Councils and the National Committee on Traffic Law Enforcement, by Little, Brown and Co., Boston, Mass., 1942. Price \$4.00.

This book represents an effort to correct a major problem in the administration of justice—that part lying within the scope of courts trying traffic violations cases. With figures gathered from personal observations in the courts of municipalities of the forty-eight states and from the answers to questionnaires submitted to magistrates, chiefs of police, and prosecutors, Mr. Warren has compiled and presented without sensationalism a survey of the factors which have made the traffic

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