Review of “Cases on Trusts,” By George P. Costigan, Jr.

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Series. The present edition of Cases on Criminal Law contains 799 pages as compared to the 610 pages of the first edition. The new edition contains a total of 419 cases, sixty of which did not appear in either the 1903 or 1908 casebooks. Some few cases, however, which did appear in the former volumes have been omitted from the present one. English cases predominate in the present edition, there being a total of 228 as opposed to the 191 American cases. There are 53 cases which were decided during the 18th century; 260 decisions of courts of the 19th century, and 66 cases bearing dates since the year 1900. Thus it is seen that the author selected modern cases as far as it was possible for him to do so and still give the student the desired historical background so necessary for a correct understanding of underlying legal principles and the proper development of the same.

The arrangement of cases in the edition of 1908 followed greatly the same general arrangement of the edition of 1903. In the present edition, however, some changes in both arrangement and in the titles of some chapters and sections have been made. The section upon "constructive intent" and the title "negligence as supplying intent" are among those which are omitted, because the author believes, and we think rightfully, that such classifications are unnecessary and misleading. Most of the cases formerly appearing under those titles have been retained and are placed elsewhere in the book, under different headings. For similar reasons certain other sections appearing in the earlier volumes have been consolidated.

The present volume reflects in no small degree the newest developments in criminal law, without losing any of the historical perspective of the development of the Law on Crimes. The writer is of the opinion that the new edition will meet with merited success in the class room.

WENDELL J. PHILLIPS, '27.

CASES ON TRUSTS. May, 1925. By George P. Costigan, Jr., Professor of Law, University of California. (West Publishing Company.)

Mr. Costigan, in compiling this case book, has begun with several short quotations from histories and law treatises, by means of which he gives the student an admirable short outline covering the development of uses and trusts and the distinctions between the two. The cases in the first chapter of the book are chosen to illustrate the dis-
tinction between trusts and other legal and equitable relations. This chapter is a notable feature of the book; it covers the various distinctions more fully and adequately than do other case books dealing with the subject of Trusts. Agency, partnership, mortgages, conditional sales, guardianships, receiverships and non-trust gifts are some of the many relationships that are distinguished in this book.

In succeeding chapters Mr. Costigan takes up the Elements of a Trust, Remedies of the Cestui, Duties and Powers of the Trustees and the Modification and Termination of Trusts. Separate chapters are also devoted to the Statute of Frauds, the Statute of Wills and to Constructive Resulting Trusts.

The author, in his preface, states that two-thirds of the cases which appear in this book have not appeared in case books before. Those retained from older collections are cases either of historical importance or of value as leading cases in the law of trusts. The author has many modern cases included in his collection, his object being to run the cases up to the present time. In doing this he has kept a balance by retaining, as has been pointed out, the older cases of importance.

A notable feature of the book is the copious footnotes designed to guide the student who desires to pursue any feature of the subject beyond the necessarily limited treatment that can be given to it in any case book.

LUCILLE STOCKE, '26.


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