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BOOK REVIEW

CASES ON NEGOTIABLE PAPER AND BANKING

By Ralph W. Aigler, Professor of Law, University of Michigan.
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This book evidences an attempt to expand the traditional law school curricula.

Part I presents three hundred and fifty-eight pages of cases and footnote material relating to Banking. That the law relating to banking has become very important, none can deny. Many other important branches of the law have also expanded rapidly in recent years. Just how the law schools can hope to enter very many of these expanding fields which were not previously specifically covered presents a difficult problem.

Part II, styled "Negotiable Paper," corresponds to the usual presentation for a course in Bills and Notes. The editor has selected his cases carefully and has supplied ample and well considered footnotes. He has substituted new cases for old ones, where this could be done gainfully. The result is a distinct improvement. In this subject, the recent decisions have been so very numerous that little is sacrificed by the elimination of cases which have largely an historical interest.

The editor appears to have chosen cases and materials with a view of emphasizing the most important phases of the subject. Consideration, for example, is treated through a text presentation only. Its peculiar application to the subject of Bills and Notes is all that is covered. This insures against duplication with other courses. It also means less duplication with other parts of the course in Bills and Notes.

Immaterial matter in cases is well deleted. The editor avoids the tendency found in some recent casebooks of making the student read through almost the entire report of the case in order to get the principle intended to be illustrated.

Students would profit greatly from the cases on Banking in Part I. This can be done, however, only in schools which present the subject of Bills and Notes for at least two hours each week during the entire year. The larger schools might be able to make Banking an elective course.

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