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BOOK REVIEWS

PROCESS AND SERVICE. By Renzo D. Bower, Pp. 785. Thomas Law Book Company, St. Louis, Mo., 1927.—The profession should welcome Judge Bower's book on this troublesome subject. I say troublesome because not too infrequently an attorney is met by an objection to the writ; and this objection always comes without warning. Many a practitioner has experienced the shock that comes to him in an apparently good case by a motion to quash, to set aside the service, to dismiss or to discharge.

Manifestly, the author has done a vast amount of work in writing this book. The arrangement is logical and consonant with procedure; the discussions are brief and to the point, and the citations support the text.

The book is divided into two parts. The first 369 pages are devoted to definitions, necessity of process, classification, form and contents of process, and its issuance. Part two treats of the time, place and method of service. The two parts are followed by 105 pages of table of cases and a good index of 48 pages. The arrangement of the table of cases by jurisdictions should receive the plaudits of the profession. The book will undoubtedly find a place on the lawyer's shelf of ready reference books and local practice books. In my courses of pleading and trial practice I find the book invaluable for ready reference.

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HANDBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. By George Grafton Wilson, Professor of International Law at Harvard University. 1927. St. Paul: West Publishing Co. Pp. 567.

Upon a more precarious foundation than any other system of law rests International Law. Until recently, at least, most attempts to reduce dealings between nations to an orderly, rationalized code have resulted in failure; and war has proved to be the only decisive solution of differences. The only sanction for mandates issuing out of international tribunals (besides comity, which, properly speaking, is no sanction at all), is force. But force is, after all, a double-edged weapon, capable of being ad-