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real estate, receives attention. In general, it may be said that the definitions are accurate, the arrangement convenient, and the typography good. It is hoped that the work will meet with the success the perseverance of the author merits for it. *J. A. M.*

GENERAL DIGEST. AMERICAN AND ENGLISH, ANNOTATED. New Series. Vol. III. 1897. Rochester, N. Y. : The Lawyers' Co-operative Publishing Co.

In this volume of the General Digest, the excellent features of the former numbers are retained, and the whole work improved and amplified by a system of annotation which partakes of a double character. First, the authorities relied upon in the opinion of the court in the cases digested, and the cases there criticized, distinguished or overruled, are cited ; secondly, there is an independent compilation of the whole line of decisions involved, so that the law is traced through its various stages of development back to its starting point. The value of this addition to the Digest is apparent, for with its aid the busy practitioner can see at a glance whether a case is simply an isolated decision of no value, as a precedent, outside the particular jurisdiction of the court making it, or whether it is fortified by a sufficient number of precedents to make it authoritative elsewhere. It is worthy of note that the General Digest contains all officially reported cases, as well as those not to be officially reported, and that this difference is clearly marked in the citations. When the annotation has sufficiently matured, there is no doubt that the Digest will be all that its publishers claim, "a complete encyclopædia of the law based on the current cases."

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