

1910), showed the correction to be proper. Some (apparently) typographical errors in the acts of 1906, 1908 and 1910, were discovered only during the proof-reading, and as it was then too late to compare the original acts as passed, were not corrected. Attention is called to many of these typographical errors, however, by means of foot-notes.

The index to the code was regarded as particularly important, and special attention was devoted to it. At the end of volume two is a table of the place where each act of 1906, 1908 and 1910 amendatory of the public civil laws is to be found in the Annotated Code. The constitutions of the United States and of Maryland, and indices thereto, will be found in the beginning of the book.

THE ANNOTATIONS.

The annotations embrace the Maryland, United States and Federal Reports down to and inclusive of 114 Maryland, 218 United States and 184 Federal. Special attention is called to the fact that no attempt at a digest has been made, and hence, only cases referring in terms to the statutes are purported to be annotated, although many cases more or less directly bearing upon, but without specific reference to, the statutes, are included in the notes. Frequently, one case refers to a statute, while another substantially similar decision does not; hence, some notes will be found which do not include all the cases in support thereof, the reason being either that the proposition was a familiar one and it was deemed unnecessary to multiply authorities, or (more usually) that the decisions omitted contain no reference in terms to the statute. The fact that this book is an annotated code rather than a digest, also explains why when statutes deal with a particular phase only of a broad subject, such for example, as the section on "Specific Performance" in article 16, the annotations are confined to cases referring to the statutes, that is to say, to cases dealing only with the particular phase of the general subject covered by the statutes.

Care should be exercised to inquire whether a decision referred to in the notes is based on the statute as it now stands. An effort has been made to call attention to the date of the decision where a statute has been materially changed thereafter, but the editor does not profess to have done so in every instance. In articles where radical changes have been made, such for example as in article 45, "Husband and Wife," by the act of 1898, and in article 23, "Corporations," by the act of 1908, the notes for the most part will be found to refer in terms either to certain acts, or else to sections of a particular code, that is to say, of the code of 1904 or 1888 or 1860.

The aim has been to state briefly in the notes the gist or purport of the decision (so far as it bears upon the statute), or if it was found impractical to do that in the necessarily brief compass of a note, at least to indicate what the decision was about, so that it might readily be determined whether the case bore upon the question in hand. Frequently, the two methods are combined, the more prominent portion