

BOOK REVIEWS.

Miscellaneous Reports of New York State. Vols. 26 and 27. (Scherer v. and vi.) These reports cover from January to March and from March to June, 1899. The paper, printing and binding is as usual excellent. It is somewhat refreshing to note that at the top of the page the number of the volume is indicated, so that in citing a case therein contained it is not necessary to turn the book over to look at its back. Our advice to certain other reporters, who we might name if we chose, might be comprised in the sentence, "Go thou and do likewise."

Forms of Pleading in Actions for Legal or Equitable Relief. By Austin Abbott, LL. D., completed for publication after his decease by Carlos C. Alden, LL. M., of the New York Bar. Vol. II. Published by Baker, Voorhis & Co., New York. Price for two volumes \$13.00 net.

The review of a work of this kind presents, it is needless to say, considerable difficulty in view of the fact that the value of any "form book" can, of course, only be properly tested in actual practice, though the length of time that "Abbott's Forms" have existed certainly warrants us in admitting that they have well stood this ordeal. So far as we are able to judge, the completed work is an exceedingly valuable one. Indeed any book whose title page bore the signature of the late Dr. Abbott can scarcely fail to be anything else. The forms and actions for libel and slander seem especially good and we note particularly the statement of recent cases involving questions of pleading in those classes of actions. Very good forms are those in actions of interpleader, actions for specific performance and actions for the foreclosure of mechanics' liens. The citations have been brought up to date and the work as it stands at present is almost indispensable to the practitioner.