

CASES ON CRIMINAL LAW, 3rd Edition by Rupert Cross, D.C.L. and P. Asterley Jones, LL.B. [London : Butterworths, 1962. 420 pp. £3.10.6d.]

This volume will be of great assistance to students studying criminal law, procedure or evidence. In the present edition 43 new cases have been added. The authors have made this possible by deleting some cases which were in the previous edition, and by shortening some of the extracts from the judgments in the cases which have been retained.

It would have been perhaps useful had the authors added comments on *Windle* (at p. 51) and *Sodeman* (at p. 52). They might also have included two further cases on the defence of insanity, *i.e.* *Porter* (1936) 55 C.L.R. 182) and *Stapleton* (1952) 86 C.L.R. 182), which examines not only the *M'Naghten Rules*, but the law prior to 1843 and explains why the Australian Courts refused to accept the decision in *Windle's case* (1952) 2 Q.B. 826).

In view of the considerable development of automatism as a defence in criminal law, more cases on the defence of automatism ought to have been included. It might also have been useful for the authors to include *Charlson* ([1955] 1 All E.R. 858).

Further, it might have been more useful for students if the general heading of Homicide (section 4), had been sub-divided into three headings, *i.e.* (1) Murder, (2) Manslaughter, and (3) Lawful Homicide, as was done in the previous edition.

Despite these omissions, this volume could go together with any of the textbooks on criminal law and could serve the student and the teacher well.