

A CASE BOOK ON COMPANY LAW. By R. S. Sim. [London: Butterworth. 1965. xxxi + 349 pp. £1. 5s. Od.]

By producing a casebook on company law Mr. Sim has rendered a valuable service to those who teach company law to accountancy and secretarial students, for few of these students have ready access to a law library and a casebook makes their task that much easier.

Mr. Sim, however, seems to expect his students to master a vast amount of case law, for his book contains and deals with over three hundred cases; and this in a subject in which the student has also a great mass of statutory material to master as well. It is the writer's experience that, bearing in mind the nature and content of professional commercial examinations, the maximum number of decisions that one can expect such students to master in the course of a study of company law is about fifty — one sixth of the number dealt with by Mr. Sim.

We would suggest, therefore, that three hundred cases is far too many for a book such as this, particularly when they are dealt with in what is only a little over three hundred pages of text. In far too many cases Mr. Sim is reduced to giving what is little more than a potted headnote — which is completely inadequate for the purposes for which he has written his book.

It is therefore suggested that, in the second edition, Mr. Sim drastically reduces the number of cases that he attempts to deal with, thereby increasing the amount of space that he can devote to those cases that he selects.