

CRACKNELL'S LAW STUDENTS' COMPANION No. 8 SUCCESSION. By Heather Williams. [London: Butterworths 1968. vii + 143 pp. 23s.]

This is the latest in the series of Students' Companions edited by Mr. D.G. Cracknell and presents to the student three hundred and ninety-nine summaries of decisions on the making, revocation and construction of wills, intestate succession and the administration of estates, including the position of executors and administrators. Also, there are extracts from a number of statutes ranging from the Wills Act 1837 to the Family Provision Act of 1966. (The publication unfortunately was too early to catch the Wills Act 1968), together with a Glossary of Latin and other words and phrases, an Appendix giving a summary of the earlier Law of Intestate Succession, and a comprehensive Index.

Students' aids of his kind are generally looked upon by law teachers with some reserve. There is no need for this attitude however if the aid is well prepared (as this is), and the student is encouraged to use it properly. Students aids are not intended to replace basic learning from primary sources, and this fact Miss Williams is the first to recognise in her preface. The Companion is principally a time saver, a memory jogger and an instant guide to a large number of cases. In this capacity it can be very useful to the examination burdened student.