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A DIGEST OF THE DECISIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT OF HAWAII, Volumes 1 to 22 inclusive, January 6, 1847, to October 7, 1915; by Wade Warren Thayer, Attorney General of Hawaii, 1913-1914, Secretary of Hawaii, 1914—. Honolulu, 1916, pp. xvi, 907.

The lack of a digest covering the recent volumes of the Hawaiian reports has been felt by any lawyer who has had occasion to investigate the law of that territory, and must have been a considerable burden to those who were constantly engaged in its courts. The latest previous digest known to the writer was published in 1903, since which time the number and volume of reported cases has more than doubled. Mr. THAYER, a graduate of this Law School, who has been a member of the Hawaiian Bar since 1896, has met the needs of the profession with his excellent digest covering the Reports as far as the end of volume 22, and has produced a most excellent work. The digest uses, in the main, the familiar classification of the American Digest, with such additions as are demanded by the peculiar features of Hawaiian law. The statements of the decisions are unusually clear and inclusive, containing sufficient facts to enable the searcher to determine without further reference the nature of the controversy which resulted in the decision—a point in which many digests are sadly lacking. A complete table of cases is added, which contains a reference to all subsequent cases in which any particular case has been cited; the table of cases would be much more valuable if it included—in addition to the volume and page of the official report, and the subsequent citations of the case—a reference to the page where the case is digested.