

## CORRESPONDENCE

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At the end of your March issue are two interesting letters on the question of whether one can correctly speak of "official reports".

In "Learning the Law", reviewed by Dean Tallin in (1946), 24 Can. Bar Rev. 640, one finds additional light thrown on the matter by its author, Glanville L. Williams of the Middle Temple. At page 25, after having described the system of private reporting that used to prevail, the latter says: "In 1865 there commenced the semi-official 'Law Reports', published by the Incorporated Council of Law Reporting. These were divided into eleven series — roughly speaking, one for each of the superior courts". He then relates how, by reason of the Judicature Act, 1873, and later changes made in the number of courts, the series of semi-official law reports became reduced to four.

Mr. Williams seems thus to have taken what might be called a middle course in using the term, "semi-official", in preference to "official". Perhaps this provides the happiest solution of the problem. It has a lot to commend it.

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### BOOKS RECEIVED

*The mention of a book in the following list does not preclude a detailed review in a later issue.*

*The Constitution of Northern Ireland. Part III, A Review of Operations under the Government of Ireland Act, 1920.* By the late SIR ARTHUR S. QUEKETT, K.C., LL.D. With a foreword by Sir Cecil Carr, K.C., LL.D. Belfast: H.M. Stationery Office. 1946. Pp. xxxv, 259. (15s. net)

*Handbook of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and Consolidated Index to all Volumes of the Handbook.* Baltimore: The Lord Baltimore Press. 1945. Pp. 209.

*Law Reports of War Criminals: Selected and Prepared by the United Nations War Crimes Commission.* Vol. 1. London: H.M. Stationery Office. 1947. Pp. xi, 127. (25s. 6d. net)

*Statute Law Relating to Employment.* By F. N. BALL. Second edition. London: Stevens & Sons Limited. 1946. Pp. xii, 278. (25s. net)