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BOOK REVIEW EDITOR'S NOTE. — The purpose of these abbreviated reviews of recent books is to introduce a larger number of books of general interest to law students and members of the Bar. The books selected for comment have received noteworthy attention in review periodicals.

PRE-TRIAL. By Harry D. Nims. New York. Voorhis and Co. \$5.75.

This work is a complete history of the pre-trial conference by one of the better known contemporary legal writers. The progression made in the settlement of cases due to this latest facility for the simplification of court actions is accurately described here.

The reproduction of several actual pre-trial hearings makes for a better understanding of the subject. Thereby the reader may obtain the full meaning of the various ways by which the conference expedites the settlement of cases.

Although the pre-trial conference is not accepted by many jurisdictions, its beneficial effect has been proved. Because of the short period of time since it has been in use in this country, the book should benefit any person active in the legal profession.

CHARLES EVANS HUGHES AND THE SUPREME COURT. By Samuel Hendel. New York. King's Crown Press. \$4.50.

An excellent biography of one of the most distinguished figures of American legal and political history. Here, the author portrays a clear and convincing picture of the character and wisdom of a great Chief Justice.

The reader is shown how service as an Associate Justice some fifteen years before the return to the Court as Chief Justice aided him in making the decisions which preserved the powers of the Supreme Court during the middle '30's. In clear, precise language, the author revives the great constitutional issues which confronted this man and his associates and conflicts which had to be overcome before the decisions were reached.

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