

hold, this will not sit well with those who regard the written Constitution as itself containing all the fundamental legal principles, the search for which is the primary task of the Court and was, in the past, the key to the unanimity of that bench.

The most serious criticisms of the Court may be found in the three short discussions immediately following Professor Cahn's introduction. They have to do with status to challenge constitutionality (Bischoff); political questions (Frank); and review of facts in constitutional cases (Freund). In addition, there seems to be a general feeling that the Court is amiss in denying to itself sufficient power to hear constitutional cases, or, after hearing, to decide them in the broadest sense. Such self-limitations as the insistence of an actual "case or controversy" in the traditional sense, narrow requirements of "standing to sue," the refusal to hear "political questions," development of the rule of the "presumption of constitutionality" of acts of Congress—all are deplored by many of the writers here. Professor Freund, however, favors the conventional lawsuit, and worries lest anything else would permit the Court to decide abstract questions rather than tangible legal problems.

The book is a mine-lode of ideas and is skillfully devised. Indeed, it may very well have an effect so far as working changes in the exercise of judicial review in the future. Certainly it can be said that the contributors to this volume and the Indiana University Press are to be congratulated on providing such a valuable addition to an important portion of our constitutional history.

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*The Governors of Ohio.* (Columbus: The Ohio Historical Society, 1954, pp. xi, 196. Illustrations. \$3.00.)

Few states possess a handbook containing brief biographical sketches of all their governors. Such a reference guide, if properly compiled with an eye to completeness and objectivity, is an invaluable aid, not only to citizens generally, but also to librarians, newspapermen, business firms, and pupils and scholars. The Ohio Historical Society, carrying on its tradition of service, once again has made a worthwhile contribution with its collection of the lives of the governors of the Buckeye State.

*The Governors of Ohio* presents condensed biographies of fifty-seven leaders written by twenty-six authors. The series begins with the colorful Virginian, Edwin Tiffin, and concludes with Thomas J. Herbert, whose term ended in 1949. Between these two administrations lies an assemblage of characters, each of whom contributed in some degree to the growth and development of the commonwealth. Even a casual glance at their sketches reveals that all of them were gentlemen of great virtue and possessed of exceptional political talent and acumen. Indeed, some of the interpretations remind this reviewer of the old-fashioned laudatory biographies that appeared toward the close of the nineteenth century in subscription county histories.

It may be possible to justify in a volume of this type lack of appraisal, but it is difficult indeed to defend omission of essential facts, a defect which mars too many sketches. It is stated, for example, that William Allen was born in 1803, but neither the month or day is given; the year of Thomas Kirker's death is listed, but not the month or day; the month and year of David Tod's death are given but not the day. The place of burial is indicated for some governors, but not for all. Only in some sketches are next of kin named. A quick glance at standard reference works, such as the *Dictionary of American Biography* or the *Biographical Directory of the American Congress*, might have enabled authors to fill obvious gaps. It would have been helpful also if the title of a biographical article or book had been appended to each sketch to guide readers to additional information.

Despite imperfections, these lives of the governors fill a genuine need. Their rapid, over-all coverage furnishes elementary information quickly and within the boards of a single book. The publisher is to be commended for bringing the sketches together in an attractive format. Perhaps other states will be stimulated to compile and publish thumb-nail sketches of their governors.

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*The Territorial Papers of the United States*. Compiled and edited by Clarence E. Carter. Vol. XIX, *The Territory of Arkansas, 1819-1825* (Washington: United States Government Printing Office, 1953, pp. xii, 1003. Maps and