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CONTRACTS TO MAKE WILLS. By Bertel M. Sparks. New York: New York University Press, 1956. Pp. 230. \$5.00.

A systematic analysis of the legal relationships created by a contract to make a will, together with a discussion of the remedies available to the promisee both before and after the promisor's death. Chapter XIII, "Contract to Devise or Bequeath as an Estate Planning Device," first appeared in the *Missouri Law Review*.¹

PERPETUITIES AND OTHER RESTRAINTS. By William F. Fratcher. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1955. Pp. xix, 728. \$12.50.

An intensive study of restraints upon alienation of interests in land by a Professor of Law at the University of Missouri. This study, one in the University of Michigan Legal Studies series, is directed chiefly at Michigan. However, Michigan has had both the common law and a statutory rule against perpetuities, and the study is enriched by thorough historical documentation, including numerous references to cases and statutes from other states as well as England. For this reason, it has been very favorably received and recommended as a starting point for research on a perpetuities problem in any jurisdiction.²

PUBLIC POLICY AND THE DEAD HAND. By Lewis M. Simes. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Law School, 1955. Pp. xxiv, 163. \$4.00.

In this book, another in the Michigan Legal Studies Series, a distinguished authority on property law analyzes problems of testation, the Rule against Perpetuities, and the control by the dead of the property of the living through future interests and trusts, including charitable trusts. The writer discusses policy consideration and makes concrete recommendations.

THE CHALLENGE OF LAW REFORM. By Arthur T. Vanderbilt. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1955. Pp. vi, 194. \$3.50.

The latest book by Chief Justice Vanderbilt had its origin in the William H. White Lectures which he delivered at the University of Virginia Law School. Its content is sufficiently indicated by the chapter titles: I. The Need for Reform; II. Better Judges and Better Jurors; III. Simplified Judicial Structure and Procedure; IV. Effective Administration and Less Delay; V. Modernizing the Law through Law Centers.

H. H. L.

1. 20 Mo. L. REV. 1 (January, 1955).

2. Sparks, *Book Review*, 30 N.Y.U. L. REV. 1256 (1955). See also, *e.g.*, reviews by Brake, 8 J. LEGAL ED. 539 (1956) and Morris, 72 L. Q. REV. 137 (1956).