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before handling his case. On the next page, five lines are given to merely the location of the Supreme Court Building. Fortunately, this is not at all typical of the book. The next two sections are devoted to jurisdiction over federal and state cases and the treatment is adequate for the purpose of establishing the framework upon which the practice and procedure are based.

Section four covers the exercise of certiorari jurisdiction and includes an excellent discussion of the bases upon which the Court denies 80 to 85 per cent, and grants only 15 to 20 per cent of such petitions. This discussion should be invaluable to an attorney contemplating petitioning for certiorari. The procedure which should be followed in petitioning for certiorari and on appeal is set out in the next two sections.

Sections seven through fifteen are given to certified questions, original cases, extraordinary writs, briefs, oral arguments, petitions for rehearing, motions, mootness and abatement, and admission to the bar. Though the treatment is terse and of a general nature, it is excellent. The last two sections set forth in detail forms which may be used and the rules and statutes applicable to practice before the Court.

Much that is here will be of value to lawyers practicing before state appellate courts. This is particularly true of the sections covering briefs and arguments. For the most part, however, the book will be valuable only to those whose practice may take them before the Supreme Court. That is not to say that it will not hold interest for all who are in the profession. As the authors themselves indicate, best use of the material can be made by reference to specific sections as the need may arise, rather than by a general perusal of the entire volume.

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#### BOOKS RECEIVED

- Ten Days to Die — By Michael A. Musmanno.\* Garden City, New York: Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1950. Pp. 309. \$3.00. (Review in this issue).
- Supreme Court Practice — By Robert L. Stern and Eugene Gressman. Washington, D. C.: The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc., 1950. Pp. xiii,553. (Review in this issue).
- The Declaration of Independence — And What It Means Today — By Edward Dumbauld. Norman, Oklahoma: University of Oklahoma Press, 1950. Pp.xiii,194. \$3.00.

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