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**Book Reviews.**

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*A Treatise on International Law.* By WILLIAM EDWARD HALL, M.A. Fifth edition. Edited by J. B. Atlay, M.A., barrister-at-law. Oxford: At the Clarendon Press. London: Henry Frowde, Oxford University Press Warehouse, Amen Corner; and Stevens & Sons, Limited, 119 and 120 Chancery Lane. 1904.

Mr. Hall, the learned author of this standard work, having died in 1894, after completing the fourth edition, Mr. Atlay was intrusted with the preparation of the fifth. Since the last edition many important events have taken place, such as the Venezuela boundary dispute; the Hague conference; various incidents in the Spanish-American war, and the war in South Africa; events in Japan and China, etc., etc., which demands notice at the hands of the editor. These have been touched upon in the present addition, and add largely to the value of the work. The law governing States in the relation of neutrality is especially interesting at the present time, as well as the author's opinion on the questions likely to arise or which have arisen in this connection: for example, the use of neutral territory by a belligerent as a basis of operations, the asylum which may be given to the land or naval forces of a belligerent, the definition of contraband of war, and the general position of neutral persons and property within belligerent jurisdiction, etc. It is quite unnecessary to do more than call attention to these distinctive features of the present edition, as the work is so well known, and is accepted everywhere as an authority.

There will doubtless be a very large sale of so interesting a book at the present time. Its value is largely increased by an excellent index. The work of the publisher and the printer is of course of the best.

*Stone's Justices' Manual*, being the Yearly Justices' Practice for 1904. 36th ed. By J. R. ROBERTS, Solicitor, etc. London: Shaw & Sons, 7 & 3 Fetter Lane; Butterworth & Co., 12 Bell Yard, 1904.

This well known and most concise compendium is of course a necessity in the British Isles, as well as useful in this country to all concerned in that branch of the administration of justice. It is interesting to notice the gradual development of criminal law in reference both to the classes of persons and the subjects affected by legislation from time to time. This last edition, for example, takes up and deals with the Employment of Children Act, the Motor Car Act and the Poor Prisoners Defence Act.