

Book Reviews.

The Grotius Society. Problems of the War. Papers read before the Society in the year 1915. London: Sweet and Maxwell. 3 Chancery Lane, 1916.

Judging from the lucid and learned papers that appear in this volume, we may well expect that the Society will be a valuable exponent of the principles of International Law when the nations now at war are settled down to a consideration of such matters. At present theories do not interest us.

This Society was formed last year, and the book before us is the first volume of its proceedings. The object of the Society, as set forth in the introduction, is to afford opportunity to those interested in International Law to discuss from a cosmopolitan point of view the acts of the belligerents and neutral States, in the present war and the problems to which it is almost daily giving birth. The President is Lord Reay, K.T.; the Secretaries being H. H. L. Bellott, B.C.L., and Malcolm Carter.

A treatise on the Modern Law of Evidence. By C. F. CHAMBERLAYNE, Volume 5. Albany, N. Y.: Matthew Bender & Co. 1915.

This volume is devoted to that branch of the law styled "Media of proof." The author desires to indicate the means by which evidence is brought to the attention of a tribunal, such as through public documents, judicial records, private documents and writings, etc.; dealing also with attendance of witnesses and their competency, privileged communications, etc. It concludes this important contribution to the law of evidence by a Table of Cases cited, and an Index covering the whole five volumes.

Modern French Legal Philosophy. By GIORGIO DEL VECCHIO, translated by JOHN LISLE, with an editorial preface by Joseph H. DRAKE. Boston: The Boston Book Company, 1914.

We cannot pretend in these strenuous times to devote the attention which it deserves to such a learned work as this. The first part is one that at present will probably interest our readers most, as it reviews the general characteristics of French legal thought. The gallant race that is now holding back the barbarian border is, of course, much in our thoughts at the present time; but it is to their activities on the field of battle and not to their philosophy that we now render homage. When the war is over this volume will find its appropriate place.