

### Book Reviews.

*A Treatise on International Law, with an Introductory Essay on The Definition and Nature of the Laws of Human Conduct.*  
By RONALD R. FOULKE, of the Philadelphia Bar. 2 volumes.  
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Winston Building.

The public as well as the profession is indebted to Mr. Foulke for one of the most readable and instructive works on the above subject that has appeared for many years. We heartily recommend it to the notice of our readers.

He is a brave man who attempts in those days to write a book dealing with the scattered fragments and *disjecta membra* of International Law, which is all that the Prussianized Hun and other barbarians have left to us. And we are compelled to realise that the world's catastrophe of the past six years is a recurring possibility so long as human nature is what it is, and so long as his Satanic majesty crawls his slimy way among men, and that we can do but little to stem the tide of evil which is throttling civilization; the only hope being apparently in the advent of some higher power which as yet is not to be seen on the horizon.

The author, in his preface, says that "he who would understand international law must be something of a man of the world, have a good knowledge of history and economics, the faculty of a clear thought, and above all must not let his heart run away with his head." In those words Mr. Foulke unconsciously describes the characteristics which have enabled him to give to his readers the two volumes before us.

The table of contents sets forth the scope of the work. Part I. is preliminary, dealing with the definition and nature of law; the facts of international life; and the definition and nature of international law. Part II. deals with substantive international law; such as, intercourse between independent states; territory of an independent state; the open sea and branches thereof; the maritime belt; treaties (those things which the Germans call "scraps of paper"); independent states and aliens; and state conflicts. Part III. deals with remedial international law, including redress for damage to a state interest; war; neutrality; public property in war; private property on land and in the maritime belt, in time of war; private property on the high seas in war; private individuals in war; and, lastly, the character of individuals and property.