

British dominions and of the United States, as well as the Oriental systems in force in British India, Burmah, China, Japan and Siam are also contained therein.

As our readers may remember, the international aspect of the marriage state is now mainly regulated, at least for most of the nations of Europe, by the recent Hague Convention, so that it has to some extent assumed the aspect of a uniform private international law of marriage. England and the United States, however, have not as yet taken any part in framing an international agreement for the regulation of conflicts between the different national systems.

The scope of the work may be gathered from the headings of the following chapters, each of which refer to the various systems affected. I. Principal original systems of marriage law; II. Capacity for marriage; III. The marriage ceremony; IV. Nullity of marriage; V. Constitution of marriage—Private international law; VI. and VII. Personal capacities of husband and wife; VIII. to XV. Effect of marriage on property of husband and wife in relation to (1) Roman law; (2) Roman Dutch law; (3) French law; (4) The above named continental nations of Europe; (5) The law of Scotland; (6) The law of England; (7) The law of the British dominions, United States, India, Burmah, China, Japan, and Siam; (8) Private international law, in relation to the effect of marriage on the property of husband and wife. Chapters XVI. and XVII. deal with the subject of divorce. As to this, by the way, the Royal Commission on divorce, sitting in London has done its work and the report will be issued as soon as some statistics have been collected.

Marriage is undoubtedly the most important item in the personal relation of humanity and its constitutional attributes and consequences are pre-eminently interesting, not only to society at large, but to legislators and jurists; and this volume would appear to contain all that could possibly be said on these subjects.

Apart from its value in its legal aspect, this book is very interesting reading, and a great acquisition to any library.

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It was well that such an excellent work as Powell on Evidence should not be lost to the profession. Mr. Odgers, so well