

from any part of British soil, will at best be regarded as a lamentable necessity by those who have the interests of the Empire at heart. It will call for the exercise of the highest statesmanship, and much mutual forbearance, to adjust these matters without disturbing the pax Britannica.

Book Reviews.

A Treatise on the Modern Law of Evidence. By CHAS. FREDERIC CHAMBERLAYNE, of the Boston and New York Bars. 4 volumes. Albany, N.Y.: Matthew Bender Company. 1911-13. 4,956 pages. Price, \$28.

Whilst every book must eventually succeed on its own merits it is always interesting to know something of the author, his antecedents and his qualifications for the work he undertakes. Mr. Chamberlayne is known to the profession as having edited an American edition of Best's Principles of Evidence, which was adopted as the text book of the Harvard Law School on that subject. He subsequently edited an international edition of the same work. In 1897 he edited an American edition of Taylor on Evidence. In 1905 he completed the larger part of the article on Evidence in Cye. Since then he has been continuously occupied in the preparation of the monumental work now before us, so much so that he was compelled to give up a large practice and devote all his time to this great work. These volumes (the last just received) are the worthy outcome of the training, experience, industry and mental attainment necessary for so great a presentation and compilation of the law on this—perhaps the most important of all branches of law, and the one requiring the largest range of learning, research and logical thought.

The lawyer has many books on Evidence, such as the three well-known volumes of Taylor on Evidence, and Professor Wigmore's exhaustive and luminous treatise, certainly the best so far; but the work before us will be a keen competitor for professional favour, and it also is of a cosmopolitan character.

It will be entirely beyond our space to refer at length to the immense mass of matter contained in the 5,000 pages appearing in these four volumes. All we can do is to extract a short sum-