

THE CALL TO AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS

learning of France might suffer no eclipse; but men like Delisle are not found twice in a century, and the learning of the Sorbonne, of Paris, of France, has sprung into line at the magical word "*enfin*," which is heard on all sides in the land of France. The universities of Russia and England are even as Louvain. The learning of Europe has handed on the torch to the learning of America. With the American law schools rests the future of international law. Study the analogy of the common law once more, and you will see that it resisted all attacks, not only because it was popular and good, but because it was a studied law, thought out, speculated upon by the loving care of students. Who knows what effect the same kind of study, this time in American, not in European universities, may have upon the future development of the law of nations? A school of law knowing the tradition of a jurist as pre-eminent as Hare¹ will have already laid down certain maxims for the guidance of its scholars. It will have enjoined that the study of the law of nations must not be conducted by narrow or pedantic methods. There is no code of the law of nations to exercise its dead hand upon the law. It will see that other subjects equally must play their part with him who seeks to learn; history, geography, political and economic theory, all illuminated by the play of legal principles. Study agreements, will be the maxim of the law school; look at maps, and let your maps be big. Bear in mind that geography is not static but dynamic. Remember the world forces that ebb and flow behind the scenes. If Panama is the key word to one of these, remember there are others—"the open door," the Yangtse Valley, the Shan States, Bokhara, Jugoslavia, Italia Irredenta, the Holy Places, Mesopotamia, Hamburg to Baghdad. It is in the measure that these and other forces like them are realised that a study of international law ceases to be jejune and fruitless.

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