

## BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

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*Kant's Perpetual Peace.* A Philosophical Proposal. Translated by Helen O'Brien, B.A. With an Introduction by Jessie H. Buckland, M.A. (Oxon.) London: Street & Maxwell, Ltd., 1927.

This is an opportune time for refreshing our memories of Kant's well-known essay in the field of world pacification. It is utopian because it demands amongst other things, that the nations shall adopt an absolutely uniform type of political constitution—which shall be none other than Republican—and that the Law of Nations shall rest on a federation of free States. Assuredly in dealing with the practical affairs of the world at large the way of the transcendentalist is hard; but it is only fair to Kant to say that he regarded his essay as a philosophical sketch and not as a guide to the hard-boiled statesmen of his day.

Miss Buckland's introduction to the essay is an interesting commentary on Kant's political theory. C. M.

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*The Historical Foundations of Modern Company Law.* By Ronald Ralph Formoy, LL.B., Tutor to the Law Society. London: Sweet and Maxwell Ltd. Toronto: Carswell Company Ltd.

The purpose of this book is to trace the history of the legislation which has led up to the English Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908. The author states that in order to give the atmosphere in which the early battles over Company Law were waged he has employed decided cases, speeches in Parliament, quotations from Reports of Committees and newspaper comments. This, of course, makes very instructive reading. The book, although disclaiming any right to be regarded as a treatise upon the Act of 1908, must prove of service to those who are concerned with the historical development of the English law of Companies. C. M.

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*The American Bar.* Prepared and edited by James Clark Fifield, Minneapolis and New York: The James C. Fifield Company, 1927.

This is a biographical directory of many of the practising lawyers in the United States and Canada. The publishers announce that "the selections made are based upon a consensus of opinion among members of the Bar, Bar Association officials, bankers and other business men, in their own and neighbouring communities. No lawyer or law firm can buy representation in this directory." That last sentence has a refreshing sound. The book undoubtedly should be of service to the profession and to business men throughout Canada. The price of the book is \$19.70.

### PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

- Forms of Individuality.* By E. Jordan, Professor of Philosophy in Butler University, Indianapolis: Charles W. Lant & Company. 1927.
- Administrative Justice and the Supremacy of Law.* By John Dickinson, Cambridge: Howard University Press. 1927. Price \$5.00.
- Meanwhile.* By H. G. Wells, New York: George H. Doran Company, Toronto: The George H. Doran Company (Canada) Limited. 1927.