

BOOK REVIEWS

Concerning Justice. By Lucilius A. Emery, New Haven. Yale University Press. Pp. 170.

This book consists of the Storrs Lectures delivered by Judge Emery at Yale University. Starting with various definitions of justice from ancient writers, it is found essential to first determine what are rights, and from this consideration, this definition of justice is evolved: "Justice is the according to every one his right, and that right is such freedom of action in gratifying one's desires as can be exercised in harmony with like freedom by others." The rest of the book deals with the securing of justice, and defends the system in this country as "in its general form and character it is best adapted to secure firmly as much individual liberty of action and equality of right as is consistent with the welfare of the whole number, or, in other words, best adapted to secure justice." In these days of criticism of our judicial system it is refreshing to find it vigorously and convincingly defended. It is most emphatically a book which, once read, is kept at hand for a re-reading.

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Outlines of International Law. By Charles H. Stockton, New York. Charles Scribners' Sons, 1914, pp. XVII and 616.

This is the newest work on a subject of special interest at the present time and which is susceptible of consideration from so many points of view that the public should welcome new books in this field even though they should in part cover the same ground. Admiral Stockton is well known as a writer and lecturer upon international law and his comprehensive knowledge has produced a work of wide compass, and which must prove useful as a general outline. We could have wished, however, a more abundant citation of cases and important treaties rather than the somewhat frequent reference in our author's pages to standard text-books or digests. In the science of international relations, the more closely one can approach ultimate sources of information, the more accurate must be the knowledge acquired. In the appendix and in the "list of authorities consulted" some familiar names fail to appear while a number of

the more recent books published during the last summer in London and this country have apparently escaped notice. While Dana's edition of Wheaton is mentioned, we should think that the one by Atlay (1904) should be added. Chancellor Kent's lectures should, we think, be cited as contained in volume I, of the commentaries, of which there are many available editions, instead of referring to the single volume edition published many years ago in England. We most cordially commend Admiral Stockton's books to all who desire a clear and reliable presentation of a great subject.

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