Proceedings of the Fourth Conference of Teachers of International Law and Related Subjects

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BOOK REVIEWS


This work will prove of value chiefly to the teachers and advanced students of international law and related subjects. This observation is made solely because the proceedings do not delve into the substantive and procedural law, but they are, from the teaching standpoint, excellent illuminations on the historical, political, economical, and ethical, as well as the legal aspects of international law.

The proceedings of the conference may be said to be a series of able essays, followed by general discussions of these essays, by many of the finest teachers, both domestic and foreign, in the international field. The methods and topics for the teaching of international law and relations were first considered; then graduate seminars were discussed with stress being laid on independent research; the next conference was devoted to the functions of the teacher and the training and career of the student. We will find enlightening viewpoints of the college, the law-school, and the graduate-school teachers on the, as Professor Hall remarked, “problem of when to teach international law, where to teach it, and what it is when it is taught.” There are also some excellent papers on the subject of research, and on existing organizations, as the League of Nations. The last general session of this conference was on British and American prize law and its relation to international relations and its place in the general course.

The appendix is valuable for a summary of conclusions and some statistical data.

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The injustice and inequality of the law is often a subject of comment and criticism in this age of crooked politics, prohibition, gang war, and divorce, yet this wonderful character, Ephraim Tutt, of Mr. Train’s stands out a Ideal and demonstrates to you the practical justice and fearlessness that can be applied in the practice of the Law by the firm of “Tutt and Mr. Tutt.”

This is a series of short stories, each one involving a case or controversy which is settled by this genius, Mr. Tutt, who is always defending the weak and poor from the tyranny of the rich and the law. Each story is rich in human element, quaintness and reality of humor or pathos. They are ingenious and interesting, and have that vigor, dramatic interest; plausibility and modern setting that will put you either in a serious mood or convulsed with laughter.

The rules of Criminal procedure as followed by the New York Supreme Court and General Sessions are strictly followed throughout. Mr. Tutt has admitted that he made one mistake which was revealed in “The Scare Crow” for which the author cites, Tebo v. Robinson, 100 N. Y. 27.

This volume contains twenty-nine short stories, the cream of seven volumes, including two stories, that have never appeared in book form. Some of the striking stories are “The Human Element,” “The Shyster,” “That Sort of a Woman,” “The Meanest Man.” It is impossible in this short review to give
you the many merits of each and every story in this book and it would be difficult to say that one is better than the other but I quote the New York Times for you, "One need not discriminate among the stories from the firm of Tutt and Tutt, but just recommend them all."

These stories are especially valuable to the student of the law for the variety of experience they contain as well as the methods of moral fortitude pursued; while the lawyer can read them in the light of experience, muse and sympathize with Mr. Tutt in his various difficulties. Any lover of short stories who has once sampled these delicacies will not stop until he has devoured them all.

THOMAS V. DONOGHUE.


This is an age of insurance. No one in any field of endeavor today even contemplates a future move without being adequately insured against possible hazard, in the event of damage to his property or that of others, or of personal injury to himself or others. Consequently a tremendous field is now presenting itself to attorneys in surety and other branches of insurance law.

In the past quarter century the business of insurance has more than quadrupled in volume, whereas the law has tried to keep abreast with it in that the case law on insurance has more than doubled. The question therefore presents itself of where to find a treatise that presents the law of insurance in as complete a manner as possible, yet that confines itself within the bounds of one volume.

Vance on Insurance solves that problem. It presents a most lucid exposition of the law of insurance by using the terminology of the late Professor Wesley N. Hohfeld in articles published in 23 Yale Law Journal, 16, and 26 Yale Law Journal, 710, which classification reduces all legal relations between two persons to four correlative couplets, thus:

right    privilege    power    immunity
duty     no-right    liability    disability

Mr. Vance further elaborates upon the nature of the contract of insurance, warranties, representations, waiver, and estoppel, etc., and the various kinds of standard policies, life, marine, fire, and casualty.

Students of the law and practicing attorneys will find this book an extremely useful tool which will clear up many future difficulties.

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