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In the month of September of 1948 students of Roman law and related subjects from many countries met in Verona to re-establish contacts interrupted by the war and to exchange the results of their respective research work. The speeches made and the papers read on the occasion are now assembled in four volumes of transactions, the first of the two sets named above. They present an impressive picture of that close international cooperation which has always been a characteristic of Roman law science and which even the second World War could only temporarily check. One hundred and eighteen scholars from almost every European country, as well as from the United States, Mexico, South Africa, and Lebanon, attended the congress, and ninety-four papers—some of them written by men who were not able to attend in person—are printed in the volume. The contributions are in the Italian, German, French, English, Spanish, and Latin languages.

The two volumes dedicated to the memory of Emilio Albertario, the excellent Romanist of the University of Rome who died in 1948, contain fifty-nine papers, likewise contributed by an international group of scholars of Roman law. They represent a type of publication which is rather frequent in Europe, and especially in Italy, that is to say, the arrangement of contributions written by a number of fellow-scholars to honor an important event in the life of one of their group or to pay tribute to his memory. They, too, like international gatherings of the kind just described, offer welcome opportunities to manifest the spirit of international cooperation in the interest of scholarly progress.

It goes without saying that it is quite impossible, within the available space, to give even the briefest account of the contents of the six volumes, let alone to evaluate the articles critically. The subjects treated cover the whole range of ancient and medieval legal history, with the addition of some papers on

other topics, such as ancient history, Canon law, or the history of religion. The contributions differ of course greatly among themselves in scholarly value and importance, and most of them would be of no interest to non-specialists. The volumes, like other collections of the same type, do, however, present a kind of cross-section of the work that is being done in the fields covered. This is why it was felt that they should be called to the attention of lawyers who wish to keep informed on what is going on in the various branches of international legal science.

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