

well volume from Professor Burgess; but if it should prove to be so it will be accepted as a crowning sheaf in the intellectual harvest of a remarkable man.

John William Burgess was born in Tennessee on August 26, 1844. For more than fifty years he has been one of the most resourceful and successful scholars associated in the Faculty of Columbia University. His works in the field of political science and history are known and used throughout the world. Those who have had the opportunity of reading the tribute-biography of him by Professor Shepherd, also of Columbia University, in the volume entitled *American Masters of Social Science*, will appreciate the effect of the man's work in the development of American scholarship.

The Sanctity of Law is like a great apex of that work. The subject is, of course, basic in the progress of human civilization through government. He begins with the Roman Empire and ends with the Treaty of Versailles of 1919. It is fortunate that we have such a sweep from such a mind when the world is struggling with problems never so great and never so perplexing.

China. The Collection and Disposal of the Maritime and Native Customs Revenue Since the Revolution of 1911. By STANLEY F. WRIGHT. (Shanghai: Statistical Department of the Inspectorate General of Customs, 1927. Pp. 276. \$5.00.)

The author is Commissioner of Customs and Personal Secretary to the Inspector General. The nature of the book is well expressed in its title, but it may be further explained by the headings of the six chapters as follows: "Collecting, Banking, Remitting, and Distributing the Revenue," "First Charges on the Revenue," "Foreign Loans Secured on the Revenue," "The Boxer Indemnity," "National Loans Secured on Cancelled Indemnities," "Disposal of the Customs Surplus." Out of the maze of statistics emerges an optimistic note for the welfare and advancement of the Chinese people.

Other Books Received

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