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## BOOK REVIEW

THE REASONABLENESS OF THE LAW: By Charles W. Bacon and Franklyn S. Morse; 391 pages; G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York.

The Reasonableness of the Law is an attempt to prove "that the law in the United States of today is the perfection of reason."

The subject is developed by showing the historical generation of the national and state governments by means of quotations from decisions of the United States Supreme Court and of the highest courts of the various states. In addition to the formation and growth of organic government, the subjects of constitutional law, the common law as an unwritten law of government, equity as a law of prevention, international law, and statute law are treated. It is not intended to be an exhaustive study of these themes, but it is intended to prove by concrete example the reasonableness and justness of the varying application of the unvarying principles of the law to the ever changing conditions of society.

For the intelligent reader, whether lawyer or not, it is a worthwhile historical study, and one of the best arguments for our system of government by three independent departments that has been presented. It answers the radical criticism of our courts by showing what the law has accomplished rather than by attempting to explain the few failures of the law to meet the demands of justice.

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