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EVERYONE recognizes that the hope of the future rests upon world-wide acceptance of the principle of pacific settlement of international disputes. Certainly at the present time the principle is far from firmly established in many important parts of the world. In furthering the acceptance of the idea, the members of the bar are under a special obligation. Familiar, as they are, with the rule of law in the pacific settlement of domestic disputes, they are in a peculiarly strategic position to aid in the extension of the principle to the international arena. They must contribute diligently and vigorously to that end.

In order that it may make its contribution to the public understanding of the subject, the University of Michigan Law School, during the month of July of this year, sponsored a two-week Forum on Current Problems in International Law. Leading authorities were assembled in Ann Arbor—the list including two from England and one from China. Professor James L. Brierly, the eminent authority on international law from Oxford University, England, was invited to the Law School for the double purpose of participating in the Forum and also of conducting a summer session seminar in international law for students in the Law and Graduate Schools of the University. The Forum lectures and ensuing discussions proved most valuable and illuminating to the audience of practicing lawyers, law students, citizens, and others both in the University community and from the surrounding states.

In order to give the Forum lectures a distribution as wide as the subject matter merits, several of them are herewith published in the *Review*. Although there is no dearth at the present time of scholarly publication on international law, the editors of the *Review* believe that the dissemination of these articles in published form will contribute in a worthy manner to an understanding of the important subject.

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