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changed however, by the mingling of Europe and Asia in the Hellenistic period. For the jurists the pages dealing with the political and administrative organization of Ptolemaic (41—53), Roman (65—86) and Byzantine Egypt (120 ff) will be the most interesting ones. The bibliography added after the notes will be very useful not only to the non-specialist reader.


The second volume consists of two parts, devoted to constitutional and administrative law.

The first part — the constitutional law — consists of four chapters: I The Ptolemaic monarchy and the Roman empire; II The autonomous cities and the χώρα; III Citizens and non citizens; IV The foundamental rights and duties of citizens and non citizens.

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This book deals in 15 chapters with the following subjects. § 1 The constitutional bases of the development of the Law; § 2 The knowledge of the sources of the Law; § 3 The organization of the courts; § 4 The principles of the procedure; § 5 The parties in the procedure; § 6 The course of the proceedings; § 7 The legal force of the sentences and their execution; § 8 Persons; § 9 Things; § 10 Legal transactions; § 11 Legal transactions connected with the execution of goods; § 12 Monetary transactions; § 13 Other kinds of obligations; § 14 Law governing domestic affairs; § 15 Retrospects and prospects. An index of sources completes the book. Although intended for students the book it of high advantage for scholars too.