PREFACE.

The discussions of the international law topics of 1914 at the Naval War College were conducted by George Grafton Wilson, LL. D., professor of international law at Harvard University, who also drew up the notes which are published in the present volume.

The topics before the conferences were for the most part suggested by questions raised in connection with the proposed Third Hague Conference. Some of the concrete questions were sent to the War College with requests that consideration be given thereto. As in former years the War College is anxious to receive such questions as seem to officers to demand consideration. The recent changes in the plans of work at the War College have made necessary some modifications in the method of treatment of the subjects in the conferences. It has seemed best, however, that the printed volume should in the main correspond to the earlier volumes.

Attention is called to the appendix, containing proposed manual of laws of maritime warfare voted by the Institute of International Law at its session at Oxford in 1913.

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