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## WILLIAM WARWICK BUCKLAND

The late Professor William Warwick Buckland, who devoted his life to Roman law, was one of the most respected Roman law scholars of the twentieth century. Rome's needs as a great nation gave rise to the ancient legal system which Professor Buckland's masterful books and writings explain. Although legal systems grow and develop with changes in economic and social conditions, Roman law still exerts an influence throughout the world.

The insular position of England may explain why she developed a flexible system of law which, during several centuries, acquired a facility for adapting itself to local conditions — a quality which at the same time tended to remove her from the influence of Roman law. Despite England's substantial independence of Roman law, she has nurtured its study, and has produced some of the greatest Romanists, of whom Professor Buckland was preeminent.

The civil law tradition of Louisiana demands of our state greater interest in Roman law than obtains in the common law states of this country. It is hoped that the many countries which, like Louisiana, have a civilian and Romanist background, will find this collection of learned writings useful.

The Tulane Law Review has always been interested in Roman law and prides itself on the fact that Professor Buckland served as a member of its Board of Contributing Editors for more than twelve years. Since Professor Buckland actively supported the Review by his advice and friendship, it is particularly appropriate for the Tulane Law Review to dedicate this issue to his memory.

The Review is indebted to the authors of these learned essays for making it possible to honor a great scholar by the dedication of this issue to the late Professor William Warwick Buckland.

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