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## P R E F A C E.

THE object of this book, without treating the subject in any way from a controversial point of view, is to furnish an outline of the law as it peculiarly affects women.

It has been the constant endeavour of the author to cite at least one authority for every proposition of law which he has laid down, and the attempt to do this has necessitated his reading over 1,100 cases, and has therefore occupied much time.

That in the consideration of so large a number of cases some mistakes must have arisen, and some points, perhaps of importance, must have been overlooked, is certain, but the author trusts that such blemishes will not be found to be of so frequent occurrence as to render the result of over a year's labour of no assistance to the legal profession; and he may observe that in no instance has a single case been cited without its being carefully considered.

It has been thought advisable to give the *ipsissima verba* of judges as often as possible, as they can not fail to carry infinitely more weight than any words of a text-book writer, even if he were one of eminence; and it is

believed that this plan will be found of considerable advantage both to the practitioner and to the student.

The author, in conclusion, has only to thank Mr. W. H. Bowles, of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-Law, for the valuable assistance which he has kindly rendered him; and to express a hope that this little book may be found to be of some utility to the members of that profession to which he has the honour to belong.

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