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PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION

THAT a second edition of this collection of essays on Betting and Gambling has been called for within a few months of its issue seems to point to the welcome assurance of the growth of public interest in this vital question. The edition is substantially the same as the first, only a few additions and minor alterations, suggested by various readers, having been made. The text of Lord Davey's Street Betting Bill of 1905, which passed through the House of Lords during the session just closed, but was not carried forward by the Government in the Commons, has been appended. A mathematical proof has been added to Appendix VII., showing that the odds on the average betting transactions are in favour of the bookmakers. The statement made on page 152 of the first edition, to the effect that private and influential pressure brought to bear upon certain members of the Courts influenced their decision in the Powell-Kempton Park judgment, has been with-