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PREFACE.

THIS little book, as it is, perhaps, unnecessary to point out, is not intended to compete with *Chitty's Forms* or any similarly exhaustive work. It merely aims at furnishing in a compendious form a collection of the precedents most frequently required in a solicitor's office in proceedings in the Queen's Bench Division.

It is a common complaint that the forms printed in the Appendices to the *Yearly Supreme Court Practice** and the *Annual Practice*, useful though they are, fail to meet the requirements of the practitioner in several obvious respects, and it is hoped that this work will supply some of the more marked deficiencies in the sets of forms there prescribed.

The book has been prepared on the assumption that the *Yearly Supreme Court Practice*, or the *Annual Practice*, is in the hands of every solicitor, and consequently it does not pretend to be a practice book. The notes have been reduced to a minimum, and deal almost entirely with the framing of the forms. However, at the head of each form references have, where practicable, been given to the Rules of the Supreme Court bearing on the

* The *Yearly Supreme Court Practice*, by Muir Mackenzie, Lushington, and Fox. Price 20s. net. Issued annually. Butterworth & Co.

form in question, so that the practice may be readily ascertained. References have also been given to the forms in the Appendices to the *Yearly Supreme Court Practice* and the *Annual Practice*.

In the great majority of instances the forms have been filled up to suit imaginary cases, a plan which it is hoped will render the collection more useful to the inexperienced draftsman.

In view of the alteration in the practice at Queen's Bench Chambers, consequent upon the introduction of the compulsory summons for directions under Order xxx., special attention has been paid to this branch of the subject, and an endeavour has been made to embody the changes involved,—a task not free from difficulty, seeing that the practice is still in some respects in a somewhat nebulous state.

Great care has been taken to render the index as complete as possible.

Thanks are due to MR. H. F. TRAILL and MR. G. L. BORRADAILE, Solicitors, who have kindly read the manuscript of the work, and made several valuable suggestions.

Since the shortcomings of a collection of this nature must necessarily be numerous, any suggestions or corrections, with a view to rendering it more useful and complete, will be gladly received.

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