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#### PREFACE.

THE chief aim of this little work is to give a popular analysis of the laws which regulate and relate to the trade of that large section of the community known under the technical designation of *Licensed Victualiers*.

With that view it is written in an easy style, and without the unnecessary introduction of legal terms.

It is not meant to set aside, as it could not, the necessity of the services of an intelligent attorney as occasion may require, whether to advise the inn-keeper in the event of any action with a former guest or with his landlord; or of any alleged breach of the conditions of his licence; or of any dispute whatever, particularly if an action be feared. All that is meant is to make plain the laws that direct the mode of obtaining and transferring licences, and that specially affect the licensed victualler in the conduct of his business, and to furnish him with

such information as may serve to keep him out of any troubles into which, without the possession of that knowledge, he might find himself involved. We no more believe in the doctrine of every man being competent to act as his own lawyer than we believe that every man is qualified to act as his own physician. But we do believe that it is the duty of every one to acquire a fair knowledge of the municipal laws that concern himself in the exercise of his own particular trade, as we believe that it is his duty to acquire a fair knowledge of physiology and the natural laws of health. And we must take care always to remember the legal maxim that ignorance of a law is no excuse for a breach of it.

Having carefully analysed the maze of Acts embracing the laws in question to render their meaning intelligible to all, the author invites his students, the licensed victuallers, to follow him attentively through the manual, and so make themselves acquainted with those Acts, and with the summary of the reports of such decisions on law questions bearing on the subject as he may deem it to be essential to point out.

A lecturer usually begins his course with a synopsis of what the lecture may be expected to