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WHO, RECOGNIZING THE VALUE OF THE STUDY OF ROMAN LAW,

HAS ZEALOUSLY ADVOCATED ITS CLAIM TO A PRINCIPAL PLACE IN THE GROUNDWORK OF A COURSE

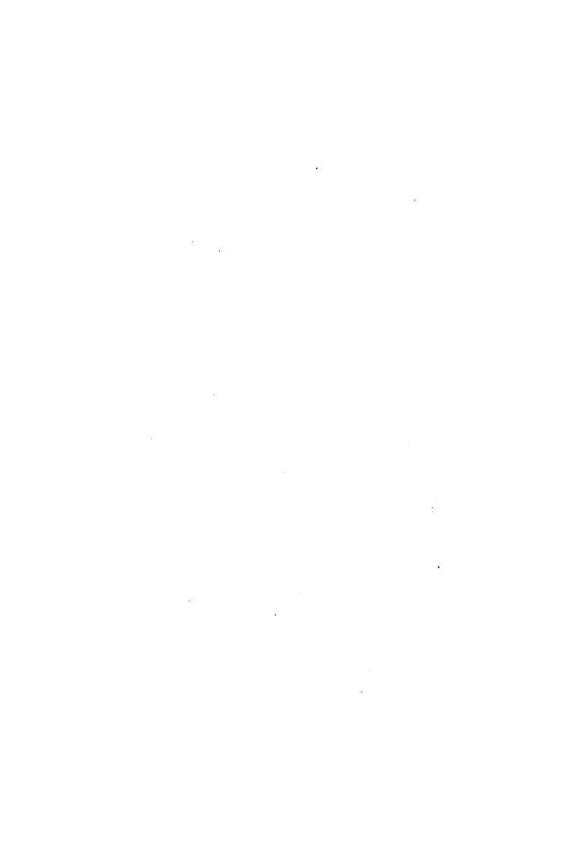
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PREFACE.



LONG preface to a small and unpretentious book is a mistake. A few words will suffice to indicate the object of this little work; and for the rest, it will be left to speak for itself.

At a time when the value of the study of

Roman Law is more than ever acknowledged, and when this subject occupies an important place in academical and professional examinations, it is hoped that a help to those who are preparing for any of these ordeals will be acceptable. The Council of Legal Education specially direct the attention of the students from the Inns of Court to the works of Gaius and Justinian; also awarding their scholarships for proficiency in Roman Law. The case is similar with the examiners in the Law Schools at Oxford and Cambridge; and with the examiners for Law Degrees at those Universities and the University of London.

A glance at the examination papers will show that they frequently require a comparison of the state of the law in the times of Gaius and Justinian respectively. Accordingly, it has been one of the aims of these pages to present clearly to the student such a comparative view. The copious references and their arrangement, it is hoped, will still further make the manual useful, and may perhaps assist the researches of others than students. The general intention has been to include only

the matter contained in the Institutes of Gaius and Justinian. The temptation to wander therefrom has been frequent and great; and has been yielded to in some cases when further explanation was necessary. A digest or summary cannot pretend to much novelty or originality. Perspicuity is the great end to be aimed at; and to secure this, everything else except accuracy has been sacrificed.

The debt due to two treatises, well known to students of Roman Law, is such as to call for the most unreserved acknowledgment. In the preparation of this work, constant use has been made of Sandars' Institutes of Justinian and Poste's Gaius. In some instances quotations are given from the first named; in others the excellences of a lucid arrangement have been adopted, e.g. in the classification of invalid stipulations. From various other quarters assistance to a greater or less extent has been derived, for example, from the works of Ortolan, Colquboun, Abdy and Walker, &c.

S. F. H.

Temple, June, 1875.

