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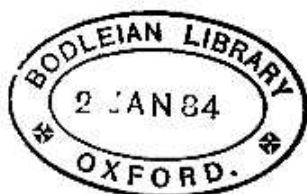
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PREFACE.

THE Agricultural Holdings Act of 1883 received the royal assent on August 25th, in that year. The Queen's Speech on the Prorogation of Parliament contained these words:—"The Acts which secure due compensation to "improving occupiers of land in England and Scotland "respectively, and comprise other valuable provisions, will, "I trust, tend alike to the promotion of confidence between "classes, and to the more advantageous prosecution of the "great business of agriculture."

This wish cannot but be echoed by all those who are interested in the welfare of agriculture in this country, and by those too who welcome this measure as a step in the direction of abating the cry uttered somewhat loudly of late for "land reform." Whether the Act will or will not do all that is hoped from it, remains to be seen; but that, at any rate, is not a question for the legal commentator, whose function is one of explanation, not criticism.

This treatise has been more especially prepared as a supplement to "Dixon's Law of the Farm," which is well known in agricultural circles, and it is hoped that those who already have that work, may find it useful to add the present one to their library. It has, however, been written so as to form an independent volume; and will, it is trusted, be serviceable to those who have not the larger work.

The following pages contain a summary of the general effect of the Act, which is intended as a readable statement of its principal points. The Act follows, printed *in extenso*, with notes to such sections as seemed to require comment. The Ground Game Act, 1880, is also added, as being a recent measure of importance alike to landlords and tenants. The Appendix contains forms for use under the Agricultural Holdings Act. In the Table of Cases will be found references to the Jurist, Law Journal, and Weekly Reporter, with which it was thought undesirable to burthen the body of the work. The references to "Dixon" throughout the book are to the 4th edition of the "Law of the Farm."

It only remains for the Author to render his sincere thanks to friends who have kindly aided him in his labour.

AUBREY J. SPENCER.

LINCOLN'S INN,
December, 1883.

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