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PREFACE.

THE following Letters have been purposely written in a style very different from that which distinguishes most professional works. The general aim of the writer has been to set forth certain leading principles which he conceives should be borne in mind by every Solicitor who wishes to secure the confidence of his clients and the respect of his fellow-men. It seemed, therefore, peculiarly desirable to avoid all technicalities of language and expression which were not absolutely needed, in order, to some extent at least, to ensure that the book might not be thrown aside as dry and unattractive. Moreover, it was hoped that these Letters would not be devoid of interest to other readers, besides those for whose use they were especially written.

It is scarcely necessary to repeat here,—what is so frequently reiterated in the following pages,—that the writer entirely disclaims all right or pretension to assume the position of an instructor. He takes leave, merely, to submit his own views to the consideration of his readers, to be accepted for precisely what they are worth, and nothing more.

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