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## PREFACE.

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**T**HIS compilation of the Statute Law relating to Patents for Inventions and Registered Designs is intended to supply, so far as may be from the sources drawn upon, a Code of the branch of Law with which it deals. In furtherance of this object the principal points of the Act of Parliament of last Session which are new in substance or importance are dealt with in an Introductory Chapter, and a Tabular Synopsis of the Act has been prepared for exhibiting its provisions in a systematic form.

Considered as a Code, this work is of necessity incomplete, for the Common Law and the Case Law relating to the subject are left out of view. The Common Law, having long been well settled, and being subject to no sudden changes, is readily available in many easily accessible books. To have included it in the present compilation would have been something of a work of supererogation. The Case Law, though mutable enough to call for the frequent revision of the text books, has grown, since the introduction of a system of law reporting by shorthand, too perplexed for systematic exhibition. The Rules are, at the moment of going to press, published only in part. Such as have appeared are

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printed in a supplementary volume, and by means of full references in the present volume are made available to the reader. The Index (which has been prepared with an eye to the completeness of the systematic presentation of the law here attempted) incorporates, in a distinguishable form, an Index to those Rules.

A large measure of responsibility must be assumed by any writer who undertakes to discuss the provisions of the new Act with so little assistance from authority as is at present available. In advancing to such conclusions as are set out in the following pages I have largely, and with a lively sense of indebtedness, drawn upon the materials provided by Messrs. ROBERTS and MOULTON in their treatise upon the new Act.

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