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Preface

The Citizen's Handbook is designed to serve as a brief work of reference to which one may turn for information on the many business, legal or political relations of the day. It is in no sense to be regarded as an exposition of the law, nor, on the other hand, as an elaborate explanation of our system of government.

There are certain questions which confront the citizen mapy times within a single year, and to which he can find no ready answer. He has not time to delve through the countless pages of a text-book, nor to hunt through the statutes for an answer. That answer, it is our hope, he will be able to find clearly stated here.

How often the question is asked, What does "voting on age" mean, and how shall I go about it? What is a building association? How does one have a check certified, and what does it mean? How does an endowment policy differ from other life insurance? What is guaranteed stock? These are a few of the hundred similar questions one hears about him every day. It would seem that there should be some

brief book to which to turn and find the answer, some book that would keep its place on the desk, on the reading table, that would slip in the pocket, that would be of service whenever information about public questions was desired.

It cannot be too clearly impressed upon the reader that this book is not intended to cover all the law, nor even half of it on any subject treated. In no sense is it a legal treatise. It is only an outline and an explanation of the use of terms in a given subject that is attempted, a summary of the essential points. And on some subjects it is felt that even a summary should not be attempted, lest the delicate points, known only to the professional man, should be misunderstood if briefly stated. Thus, the subject of the drawing of wills and the broad scope of negligence have necessarily been omitted.

It should be further stated that although this book is intended for general use, yet it is designed primarily for citizens of Pennsylvania, and the subjects have been treated from that standpoint.

The purpose of this book would then seem to be plain. It can answer many of the questions every citizen asks of "someone' else;" it can make clear phrases and relations of everyday life, and the duties and privileges incident thereto. It was the knowledge derived from their own actual experience that such a handbook was needed that has led the authors to present the present volume to the public.



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