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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

SINCE the "Notes on the Married Women's Property Act" were first written, but few cases appear to have arisen on the construction of the Act, and most of the questions, which require judicial decision, before the effect of the recent legislation on the general law of husband and wife can be ascertained, are still left untouched by authority. Such cases as have been reported will, it is believed, be found to have been noticed in the present Edition; while a few additions, suggested by the copious discussion to which the Act has given rise, have been made to the text. Under these circumstances the Author ventures to hope that the demand for a new Edition may be deemed a sufficient excuse for its appearance in so slightly-altered a form.

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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

THE object of the Married Women's Property Act 1870, as defined in the Preamble is, "To Amend the Law of Property and Contract with respect to Married Women." Under the Act, the rights which women have hitherto enjoyed in Equity in respect of separate estate, are apparently recognised and adopted; while a most beneficial, if somewhat anomalous, position is given to them at Law. It has been attempted, in the following Notes, to give a summary of the cases, decided in Courts of Equity, on the rights and liabilities of married women in relation to their separate estate; and to suggest some changes, which may probably arise in the practice of the Courts, from the new status given to them by the Act.

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