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PREFACE

THIS little book is intended not only to point out some of the changes in the laws of pleading, practice, and procedure, necessary to mitigate present conditions resulting in interminable delays and enormous expense in maintaining the courts and the administration of justice, but also to show that a large part of the delays, and consequent unnecessary expense of litigation, is not brought about by defective laws alone but by the dilatory and faulty administration of the laws we have.

The author speaks from fifty years of active experience at the bar and on the bench, and out of an exalted conception of the duties and obligations of the courts, including the lawyers who, as sworn officers of the courts, constitute an important and responsible part of our juridical system. These duties and obligations are not to clients and litigants only but to the whole people, by whom the courts are ordained and supported. The courts are not established merely for the purpose of deciding disputes between individuals but to serve the public interests in the prompt, effective, and righteous administration of the laws.

What is said here in the way of criticism of the manner of conducting business by the courts is not personal, nor is it directed at any judge or judges