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PREFACE.

Several times during the past three or four years the author has received suggestions from members of the legal profession, from bankers, business men and law book publishers, urging upon him the publication of a popular hand book on company law.

While this work may not contain all that is to be desired, still the author feels that when it is remembered that Mr. Palmer's work on company law is published in three large volumes, no apology should be required.

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