

PREFACE.

"The Modern Lawsuit" is a concise treatise embracing some impressions by the way in the writer's practice and more mature study and later application of the laws of the land.

This modest message is simply a look backward and forward, after the ups and downs of trial and appeal work had often suggested some permanent personal record of the counsel's view and of the judicial view of law and procedure, as they appear after some considerable familiarity with the one and the other from each viewpoint.

Law reform having now reached the point at which bench and bar welcome, as a distinct advance, the new system, it is not amiss to recall for contrast the old system of jurisprudence so wisely at long last shaken off.