

PREFACE.

THE time had come for the well-known work, Powell on Evidence, on which this volume is founded, to be entirely re-cast and re-written. It has, accordingly, been thoroughly revised and brought up to date. It has been re-arranged under the four main heads of Relevancy, Proof, Cogency, and Procedure; the greater portion of the Books on Relevancy and Cogency is entirely new matter. The principles and rules of the Law of Evidence under each head are stated in large type; the decisions which illustrate these principles and rules follow immediately in smaller type—a method which it is hoped the reader will find both clear and convenient. More than eight hundred and fifty new cases have been added to those cited in the last edition: every decision of any importance on the subject reported since the last edition was published down to and including March 1st, 1910, has, it is believed, been referred to in this volume. In the Appendix are collected the principal Statutes and Rules, which affect the Law of Evidence.

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