

or referred to, as well as many fresh statutes, and such new rules as affect the subject-matter of the book. Numerous fresh forms have been given, most of which have been taken from cases which have been actually litigated.

To make room for this increase of matter the Editors have endeavoured to eliminate all that is now obsolete in the text or notes of the former Edition. They have restored, where it seemed of use, references to cases giving declarations, pleas, and other pleadings under the old system of pleading, such as were given in the Third Edition. The Editors have throughout the Work altered the forms given in the Fifth Edition so as to carry out the present requirements, and especially in regard to particulars which are now so generally required. They have obtained the space thus rendered necessary by the means above mentioned, and by striking out the *verbatim* citation of Acts of Parliament which are now familiar to the practitioner, and readily accessible (such as the Sale of Goods Act, 1893, the Bills of Exchange Act, 1882, and the Partnership Act, 1890), retaining only those sections or parts of sections which are necessary for the appreciation of the notes or forms, and contenting themselves with a reference only to the other sections.

The Editors in presenting the result of their labours to the profession desire to express their sense of their indebtedness to the late Mr. T. Bullen and to Mr. C. Clifford, to whom so much that is incorporated from the Fifth Edition is due. In so presenting it they would remind those who would compare it with the early Editions that under the existing system of pleading material facts have to be pleaded, instead of, as formerly, the legal result of those facts. This renders it necessary to state the facts of each particular case in detail, and in general compels the practitioner to adapt or alter the form to suit his particular case, so as to render necessary a special form for each action, instead of merely copying a form applicable to actions of the class to which his case belongs, as was sufficient under the old system in many cases of ordinary occurrence. It is because of this necessary work of adaptation and alteration that the Editors have introduced numerous forms which have been actually used.

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