

PREFACE TO THE TENTH EDITION

Judge Alexander R. Tiffany, its author, put out the first edition of this work in 1849. In the years 1851, 1858 and 1866, he put out the second, third and fourth editions, respectively. The fifth edition was published in 1873 with Judge Andrew Howell as its editor and he edited the succeeding editions to the ninth inclusive, which were published in 1875, 1879, 1886 and 1894, respectively.

The editorship of the present edition has been undertaken at the request of the family of Judge Tiffany, and while the editor is persuaded that better can be done, yet it is hoped that the present edition may share the favor so long shown to this work by the bench and bar of Michigan.

There seems to be little occasion now to go outside the decisions of our own courts for assistance in the construction of our Justice Court Statutes, and while the older cases with some exceptions are retained, few cases from the courts of other states will be found among the new citations.

The citations of cases have been brought down to the 100th Northwestern Reporter and to the 132nd Michigan Reports. The Reporter citations are added for all cases since the beginning of the Reporter system.

Citations to statutes are to the Compiled Laws of 1897 and to the Session Laws of 1899, 1901 and 1903. A Table of Cases Cited has been added, the Table of Contents largely increased and the Justice Court Acts of those cities having provisions materially different from those of the general statute are found in an appendix. Some matter found in older editions is omitted and new material added in the text of this. There has been considerable rearrangement of matter, notably in collecting the forms in an appendix, thus removing them from the body of the text, and in its mechanical aspects a new face has been given to the book.

