

PREFACE.

This book has been prepared at the publisher's request to furnish in concise form and ordinary language a statement of the statutory laws of Kansas, upon those subjects which are of general interest to the public. It is not intended as a compilation or outline of all the statutes, but only of such as will interest farmers, mechanics and business men generally. The work has been done in the hope that it may tend to inform the public upon the statutes governing the duties of the various officers in our state, county, township and school governments; the relations which the citizens bear to such governments, and in some measure to advise them as to the duties of citizens towards each other, and generally. It cannot be supposed that in the brief space permitted in a work like this, these matters can be set forth with exact detail and full information, but the object is rather to give a general view of the law as it prevails in Kansas by virtue of the acts of the legislature. It is believed that this statement of statutory rights, duties and obligations will prove of service to those for whom it is intended.

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To Our Friends.

This compilation is intended for the use of those who desire to have at hand some convenient means of reference to the general laws of Kansas, without being compelled to resort to the bulky volume of our revised statutes, or to the numerous acts of the legislature. The work is not an abridgement of all the laws of the state, but a compilation of those provisions of the statutes believed to be of most concern to the people in general. Such topics are taken up and treated by Hon. A. A. Godard, of Topeka, ex-Attorney General of Kansas, as arise in the every day lives of our citizens. These topics are clothed in plain language, and can be understood by those who are not lawyers. We have felt warranted in preparing this work at a large expense and present it to our friends, believing that it will give them a fair knowledge of the laws of our commonwealth and after a careful reading of the same, they will prize it as a souvenir of no little value, and one that can be consulted with pleasure and profit for many years to come.

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