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PREFACE

It is with great pleasure that we present on behalf of the *Cambridge Law Journal* this special issue to commemorate its fiftieth anniversary. We would like to express our deep appreciation of the co-operation of the contributors, all Cambridge men, who so willingly devoted their time and energies not only towards producing the essays themselves, but also in helping to minimise the labour of seeing them through the press.

It is obviously appropriate that we should begin the issue with an account of the origin of the *Journal*, and we are particularly glad to be able to place on record Professor Hollond's personal recollections of its earliest stirrings, as well as the account by Professor Goodhart, our first editor, of the launching of the first volume. Thereafter the subject-matter is arranged so as to give pride of place to Roman Law by virtue of its age and universality, to be followed by International Law and Conflict of Laws as coming next in universality. Turning to the national scene, they are followed by Legal History, Land Law, Torts, Criminal Law, Contract and Family Law and the collection ends on a more general note with Constitutional Law and Jurisprudence. With regard to the choice of subjects, we can only say that it proved impossible to include all that we would have wished. Except in the cases of the first two contributions, the other authors were asked to take some development or event in their various subjects, which occurred within the fifty-year period, and to weave their papers around that. These essays are the result and we feel privileged to have been able to act as editors.

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