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## Preface to the Third Edition

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Lile's Equity Pleading and Practice has been generally recognized by the judiciary and the attorneys of Virginia as a high authority on the subject of equity pleading and practice—in a sense, it has become a tradition in the legal profession.

Mr. Lile was beloved and admired by all who knew him. We well remember his stimulating instruction and challenging efforts to enlighten his students in the rules of equity pleading and practice—efforts which ultimately brought to the legal profession a clearer understanding of these rules and the principles upon which they are based. Although his Second Edition, now out of print, was published in 1922, its contents are remarkably current and alive today, except where changes have been effected by statutes and new rules of court.

A real need for this authority and a desire for its preservation have prompted the publication of this Third Edition. It has been my privilege to revise the Second Edition and it has been my purpose to adhere strictly to the original text when not inconsistent with amendatory statutes and new rules of court. However, with the adoption of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, effective September 16, 1938, abolishing the differences between law actions and equity suits, it has been found necessary to eliminate all references to Federal procedure. Furthermore, the Rules of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, adopted February 1, 1950, and amended October 1, 1951, have been considered and noted wherever they relate to or affect the context of this Third Edition.

*E. B. M.*