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more of Holmes' method in deciding cases from these opinions than from those which he wrote later in the full maturity of his thinking.

Francis Biddle remarks in the foreword to this book, and again in his recently published sketch of Mr. Justice Holmes, that the figure of a "witty and liberal man of the world" emerges too readily in the minds of most people and tends to obscure the importance of his life to law and government. This book is a useful source to the reader who wishes to appraise the work of the man who has been called the greatest American judge since John Marshall. It is a necessary companion to the two earlier collections—The Dissenting Opinions of Mr. Justice Holmes, and Representative Opinions of Mr. Justice Holmes.²

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² Edited by Alfred Lief (The Vanguard Press, New York, 1929 and 1931).