

P R E F A C E .

LOVELL'S "GENERAL GEOGRAPHY" having already had such an extensive sale as to establish it in the favour of the educational public, it might be said that another work on the same subject was unnecessary; but the "GENERAL GEOGRAPHY" being considered by intelligent teachers as too far advanced for young beginners, the Author, at the request of Mr. LOVELL, the enterprising publisher of a valuable series of School-Books for Canada, has consented to prepare, for use in junior classes, the following "EASY LESSONS IN GENERAL GEOGRAPHY."

The EASY LESSONS are intended to be merely introductory to the larger work; and they are designed as far as possible, simply to form a brief outline of that work. The Author has, however, adopted a slightly different plan (original so far as he has been able to learn) in the preparation of this book. He has, in the first place, sought to embody, in easy and familiar language, a Conversational Sketch of each division of the subject to which the attention of the pupil is directed. He has then inserted a series of questions on the principal points of that sketch; and has supplied, where deemed necessary, appropriate answers to those questions.

These Conversational Sketches are also intended to promote another important object; namely, the providing of easy Geographical Reading-Lessons for junior classes, which description of lessons is not to be found in the authorized National Readers.

The "*Conversational Trip*" through each of the principal countries in the world, is designed to connect, in the mind of the pupil, the objects and associations of travel with a geographical knowledge of the more important physical features of coast-line, mountain, river, &c. The Review-Lessons, in connection with these Conversational Trips, will tend to fix the knowledge thus acquired, still deeper in the mind of the learner.

As already intimated, the general arrangement of these "EASY LESSONS" is similar to that of the larger work; and many of the definitions in the introductory part are the same. This will render the study of the "GENERAL GEOGRAPHY" itself more easy and agreeable to the pupil, while the disadvantage of using an entirely new larger book will be avoided. The one gives a rapid and general view of the subject, suited to a beginner; the other is more minute and thorough, as well as better adapted to the more advanced pupil.

Although the Author has no pecuniary interest in either the "EASY LESSONS" or the "GENERAL GEOGRAPHY," he cannot but express his grateful thanks to those influential persons who have so kindly expressed to the publisher their high opinion of the Author's humble labours in the preparation of the latter work. He is more than gratified, also, at the success which has attended the publication and sale of the "GENERAL GEOGRAPHY;" and for this reason he submits the present little work, with the anticipation and hope that it will meet with at least a portion of that favour which has been shown to his larger Geography.

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