

## PREFACE

series of instructions containing what is considered the most suitable to satisfy the requirements I have undertaken to fill, and which I hope will prove satisfactory to the young workman. Doubtless there are many things in this little work that, in the opinion of many persons, might be dispensed with; it may be, and likely is, that there are many good things omitted, many things that would have proved extremely useful, but in palliation I can justly say, that everything I have found on the subject, that was plain, simple and within the capacity of most of the persons this book will reach, and that were not too extensive, I have made use of, and to the best of my ability have placed them before my readers in such language as I am sure will meet with their approval.