

PREFACE.

The compiler of this little work begs of his brother teachers a favorable reception for it, on account of the end aimed at. The want of a manual of geography for junior classes, in which British America should occupy the largest space, has long been felt by many. Lovell's recent book is an important step in the right direction; but it is only suitable for senior pupils, and does scant justice to the Lower Provinces. And his smaller manual is both expensive and inferior.

The low price of the present book has of course prevented the insertion of maps. This want will however be least felt in those Schools where geography is best taught; for in such Schools the constant use of wall maps, as well as of those drawn on the blackboard by the teacher, will go far to remedy the deficiency. And the writer feels sure, that the less a teacher trusts to the pupil's own use of the small maps in such text books as Lovell's and Morse's, the better will it be for all concerned. It is well known that in the preparation of lessons at home, very little use is made of these maps, and that the only safeguard lies in the frequent use of wall and blackboard maps in School.

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