

PREFACE.

THE present volume forms the Fourth of the Canadian Series of School Books.

The pupil, having been enabled by means of his earlier Exercises to read with ease and intelligence, is presented in this volume with a collection of interesting extracts, chiefly in the form of *narrative*, which is peculiarly attractive to the youthful mind.

At the same time, they embody facts and phenomena of a most instructive character, with which it is desirable the pupil should, at this stage of his progress, become acquainted.

The arrangement adopted in the first five sections of the volume is geographical. The Extracts comprise incidents in History, Biography, Travel, Discovery, and Adventure, with Sketches of Manners and Customs, Natural History, &c., relating to the most important countries in the world, and classified under their appropriate headings. But while it has been sought to enlarge the mind of the pupil by introducing him to other lands and ages,

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