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**EDUCATION FROM A PUBLISHER'S STANDPOINT.\***

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On behalf of the fraternity of schoolbook publishers, I desire, first of all, to recognize the honour you have done our craft by courteously according us a place on your programme. You have doubtless long regarded us as a legitimate "third estate" on the outside of the great councils of education. You now ask us to publicly justify our interest in all these special topics of thought which year by year draw together these great educational assemblages, and it is a welcome privilege to respond.

The publishers are, of course, regarded primarily as a commercial body; but their semi-public functions toward the teachers and the schools would be very poorly performed if limited by the narrow view of mere merchandising. Our business has another side, recognized by every intelligent publisher, so that in its true, broad, and ideal scope it is wholly at one with the spirit which animates the best work of the teacher and superintendent in carrying forward the great work of public education. We, therefore, feel that there should be the utmost sympathy at all points between the makers and the users of schoolbooks, and that everything which can lead to a clearer and more complete understanding is an effectual contribution to a common cause.

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