

mended by their simplicity, such as the demonstrations by which I propose to replace (at least for a first reading) the difficult Theorems 5 and 7 in the First Book. I have also attempted to render many of the proofs, as for instance Propositions 2, 13, and 35 in Book I., and Proposition 13 in Book II., less confusing to the learner.

In Propositions 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of the Second Book I have ventured to make an important change in Euclid's mode of exposition, by omitting the diagonals from the diagrams and the gnomons from the text.

In the Third Book I have deviated with even greater boldness from the precise line of Euclid's method. For it is in treating of the properties of the circle that the importance of certain matters, to which reference is made in the Notes of the present volume, is fully brought out. I allude especially to the application of Superposition as a test of equality, to the conception of an Angle as a magnitude capable of unlimited increase, and to the development of the methods connected with Loci and Symmetry.

The Exercises have been selected with considerable care, chiefly from the Senate House Examination Papers. They are intended to be progressive and easy, so that a learner may from the first be induced to work out something for himself.

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