

PREFACE.

The Public School Arithmetic for Grades I. and II. is so arranged that every word of it is for the pupil. Directions regarding the use of the various exercises, and all other matter for the guidance of the teacher, have been put in a separate volume, "The Hand-book to the Public School Arithmetic for Grades I. and II."

It will be necessary therefore to use the text-book and the hand-book together; neither can be used without the other. It is intended that the teacher before assigning an exercise should read carefully in the hand-book the explanation regarding that exercise; the principle involved should then be taught thoroughly to the class; after this the exercise should be assigned for the pupils to do.

The division of the work into two volumes,—one for the pupil and one for the teacher,—has proved very advantageous. It has made it possible to give to the pupil a sufficient amount of suitable exercises since it omits from his book everything that is of no use to him. It has also enabled the Authors to give in the hand-book as full a treatment of methods, devices, suggestions and directions, as they thought would be helpful to the young teacher.

Where this text-book is being used, it is proving a great boon especially to the junior classes. It is saving the teacher a large amount of the daily labour involved in composing a sufficient amount of suitable exercises, well adapted to the needs of the class, and in harmony with the course of study and modern methods of teaching.

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