

FOREWORD

This text-book has been prepared with a view of grouping and presenting in a clear and concise form the salient and essential facts demanded by the Syllabus of primary teaching. We have held to the program planned by the Council of Public Instruction and to the pedagogical notes inspiring it.

The "Summary of Events" printed in heavy type will serve as a preparation for the morrow's recitation. The development, in ordinary print, constructs an interesting and continuous narrative out of what is necessarily but the skeleton of history. This development corresponds faithfully to the Program of Studies and furnishes full information for the questions which should serve as a reasonable test of the pupils' knowledge.

The paragraphs in finer print give us supplementary matter which may be omitted at will, but the reading of them will elucidate certain points or show the connection between necessary facts.