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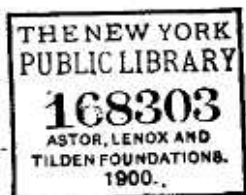
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PREFACE.

A MAJORITY of the children of a community or of a state enjoy only the opportunities afforded by common schools before entering upon the duties of real life; and equally true is it, that this majority, who wield so mighty an influence over a state or nation, almost invariably leave the school-room and enter the various pursuits of life with but little or no knowledge of the practical principles that underlie the workings of all ordinary business transactions, and much more, of the government of the state or nation. In this respect, it is to be regretted that our common schools have not heretofore been more thoroughly practical,—most teachers having never been taught, and, having no text-book from which to teach, have passed over this important matter.

though convinced that their pupils cannot be prepared for independent thought and action in any direction until they first learn it out of the school-room.

Now this little volume is intended to supply the deficiency which has heretofore existed in this direction, in our school system; and, instead of placing before the learner a large volume of confused matter, beyond the reach of his comprehension, the author has endeavored to suit it to his capacity, as well as to the capacity of the teacher, and is hopeful that it may be at once interesting and the means of inaugurating a system of business education.

In conclusion, the author desires to make acknowledgment of the valuable services rendered by Cornell Crysler, Esq., in the preparation of this work.

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THE
YOUNG CITIZEN'S CATECHISM.

Part First.

SECTION I.

CIVIL DIVISIONS.

How is the state of New York divided for civil and municipal purposes?*

Into counties, towns, cities, and villages.

How for judicial and representative purposes?

Into districts.

How for school purposes?

Into school districts.

How are school districts erected by law?

The power to alter, annul, and form new districts lies with the school commissioners.

* Although the questions refer to the State of New York, they apply to most other states of the Union.