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PREFACE.

THE primary object of the authors in preparing this book is to place in the hands of the science teachers in the State a laboratory manual adapted to the average high-school requirements. In it we have endeavored to emphasize the value of laboratory instruction in the laboratory.

The aim is to give the student facts, practically of his own finding, before a discussion and correlation of these facts. Our experience in teaching has led us to the conclusion that to reach the best results a student of chemistry must first be given experimental work. In this way his interest is sufficiently aroused to hear with profit descriptive lectures, or to read with some attention the discussion of facts and principles as found in elementary text-books. To this end he is carefully guided in his experimental work, after which he is expected to study the subject of his experiment in one or more of the texts referred to at the end of each exercise.

These texts are not necessarily the best that might be given, but they are in many cases the only ones available to the pupil. They are in all cases those found to be at hand in class use or otherwise in the high schools of this State.

In all cases the references themselves are to the specific subject under investigation.

It is not intended that this manual should take the

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place of any of the many excellent text-books now in use, but rather that it shall supplement and make more useful those now in the hands of the pupils or in the school libraries.

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ABBREVIATIONS.

THE abbreviations calling for explanation are as follows:

cc.	cubic centimeter.	grm.	gram.
cm,	centimeter.	mm.	millimeter.

Under "References":

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- Cly. New Text-book of Chemistry, by LeRoy C. Cooley. New York: American Book Company. Date of copyright 1881.

R. (Briefer Course.) An Introduction to the Study of Chemistry, by Ira Remsen. New York: Henry Holt and Company. Date of copyright 1893.

S. Elements of Inorganic Chemistry, by James H. Shepard. Boston: D. C. Heath and Company. Date of copyright 1885.

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S. and L. An Elementary Manual of Chemistry, by F. H. Storer and W. B Lindsay.

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New York: American Book Company. Date of copyright 1894.

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W. Elements of Chemistry, by Rufus P. Williams. Boston: Ginn and Company. Date of copyright 1897.

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SUGGESTIONS.

A NUMBER of carefully selected reference books should be placed in the school library. The following are especially recommended:

Inorganic Chemistry (Advanced Course), by Ira Remsen. Henry Holt and Company, New York.

General Inorganic Chemistry, by Paul C. Freer. Allyn and Bacon, Boston.

Organic Chemistry, by Ira Remsen. D. C. Heath and Company, Boston.

Treatise on Chemistry, by Roscoe and Schorlemmer. Volumes I and II. D. Appleton and Company, New York.

The articles on chemical topics in the "Britannica" will be found especially valuable. The lives of famous investigators may be studied in connection with their discoveries, thus:

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Air	Cavendish.
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Work independently. You are not concerned with what your fellow student is doing.

Do not talk, except with your instructor about your work.

Do not ask questions of your instructor until you have tried to answer your questions for yourself.

Keep in a note-book, especially reserved for this use, an accurate record of your laboratory work. Record your observations when you make them, not from memory afterwards.

Do not hurry.

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Keep the apparatus clean.

Work cautiously, using small quantities of reagents; avoid inhaling poisonous gases, and be especially careful to avoid getting acids, alkalies, or any other corrosive or poisonous substance into the eyes.

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