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PREFACE.

The need for some elementary instruction in our common schools on the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, has long impressed me as of much importance; and in looking over the field to see if some logical, and at the same time elementary, guide could be found, I have failed to find what I wanted. As a school man, interested more particularly in the great body of common schools, the schools which educate the masses, I feel that an effort is warranted to simplify, and adapt to the uses of such schools, the explanation of those principles of government which should be known to every intelligent citizen. It seems to me that the logical method would be to begin at home, with the lowly official duties which touch the local government of communities. Hence this effort to furnish to my teachers some guide to help them to follow out instructions along this line. This is my only excuse for the publication of the following pages.

I have made free to use what I needed, from any source, and I here take pleasure in acknowledging my indebtedness to all from whom such aid was obtained.

Since the publication of the first edition of this

little book I have received kindly suggestions from many friends. I have used such of these as I thought would make the book better, without interfering with the original plan. To all of these kind friends I take pleasure in acknowledging my indebtedness.

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Meadville, Pa., June 1, 1894.

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