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PREFACE.

He is best taught who has learned the secret of self-control.

He is best governed who is self-governed.

Other things being equal, that school is the best where the government is the result of moral and not of physical force.

HINTS TO TEACHERS.

THE Primer of Politeness has been prepared to assist teachers and parents. It may be used as a text-book, or, preferably, as a class-book for study by the pupils.

All that is hinted at in this little book well-bred people know, but such knowledge is not intuitive, and it must be taught, if taught at all, to the majority of children at school.

The questions are numbered for facility of reference. Fifteen minutes a day spent in the discussion of the principles involved in this little book of illustrations will enlighten the minds, awaken the consciences, and control the actions of any ordinary children, and the few who are not governed by the instructions of the teacher will be controlled by the popular sentiment of the school.

The questions proposed are merely suggestive, but they by no means exhaust the subject. The habit of reading or hearing the illustrations read, and repeating their substance, is very valuable, not only as an intellectual exercise, but as a training in morals. The habit also of discussing the principles of moral obligation is invaluable. Hoping that the effort to help the teacher and the children in the government of the school will meet with approval, I subscribe myself their friend,

THE AUTHOR.

WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

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