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PREFACE.

THE following work has been prepared at the request and under the superintendence of the Committee of the Home and Colonial Infant School Society.

The end proposed was the communication of such knowledge as would be desirable for a teacher to possess before giving a lesson on any common object, and only such facts have been stated as it is requisite they should know. It may not be out of place to guard teachers against the supposition that they are to bring before the children all the knowledge here communicated ; the aim is rather to put them in possession of that confidence which is essential to the giving a really good lesson—the confidence that they are acquainted with their subject, and are prepared to satisfy the desire for information which an examination of any

of the objects may awaken in the minds of their pupils.

The objects described are contained in a box arranged for the use of schools according to instructions given by the Committee of the Society.

Although the classification of the descriptions is imperfect, it is perhaps the least objectionable that could be made.

The articles are described as briefly as is consistent with clearness, so that the size and price of the work might be as small as possible.

A list of some of the works consulted by the Compiler is annexed :—

- Ure's Dictionary of Arts and Manufactures.
- Lardner's Cyclopædia—Manufactures in Metals.
- Penny Cyclopædia.
- Encyclopædia Britannica.
- Partington's Cyclopædia.
- Burnett's Outlines of Botany.
- Burnett's Useful Plants.
- Lindley's Flora Medica.
- Smith's English Botany.
- Loudon's Arboretum Britannicum.
- Loudon's Encyclopædia of Agriculture.
- Thompson's Dispensatory.

Pereira's *Materia Medica*.

Library of Entertaining Knowledge—Vegetable Substances.

Transactions of the Society of Arts.

Turner's Chemistry.

Graham's Chemistry.

Knight's Weekly Volume—Textile Manufactures ;
and British Manufactures.

Taylor's Handbook of Silk and Cotton Manufacture.

Owen's Lectures on the Invertebrate Animals.

Fleming's Molluscous Animals.