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DEDICATED
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PREFACE

It is the aim of this book to create an interest in specific knowledge regarding the work of municipal governments, and to arouse a certain kind of hero-worship for the men who are carrying out this work. Our policemen, our firemen, our inspectors of sanitary conditions, our builders of parks, our overseers of the poor, our school committees, and other officials and employees taken together are the guardians of our municipal life.

These unpretentious lessons have grown out of my actual experience during my years of supervision in the Lowell State Normal Practice Schools.

Believing that the majority of children are more interested in street scenes and actual life about them during the years that they attend the grammar schools than later when members of high schools and academies, where their interests are diversified, I have felt that a knowledge of the principles and duties of good government should be presented in the elementary schools. Moreover, I have not only found that these young citizens are keenly interested in the study of civics, but I

have also discovered that this branch of knowledge is a bond between the schoolroom and the home. In these days of psychological and pedagogical teaching there is little opportunity for parents to coöperate with children in school work. These little studies in good government afford just such an opportunity; the home anecdotes of actual experience serve to aid the boy and girl in their own researches.

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