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PREFACE.

THE *New* London Readers are intended to meet the views of a considerable number of teachers and inspectors, whose suggestions have been carefully considered, and to a large extent adopted in the preparation of these books.

They are simpler than the existing series, and specially adapted to smooth over the difficulties of transition from the Infant School to the standards and also from one standard to another.

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LESSON I.

PRINCE AND THE CAT.

1. Prince is the yard dog. He is kept in the yard to take care of the house. The poor dog is held fast night and day by a chain. He barks when any one goes in or out by the gate.

2. Prince is cross at times, and then he will snarl, and try to bite. I dare say he is tired of being tied up so long.

3. But Prince will let our cat play with him. He is very fond of Miss Puss. Prince never barks nor looks cross at Puss.

4. One day Puss went to Prince, and cried in a sad tone, "Mew, mew, mew," as much as to say, "I want to put my kittens in your house, so that they may be safe."

5. Prince saw what Puss wanted, and came out to let the cat go in. Puss was very glad. She put her kittens in the warm hay, and fed them there.

6. Good old Prince slept outside the house

on the bare ground, and did not growl or bark at all.

SPELLING EXERCISE.

Prince	night	whom	ground
yard	chain	mew	bare
house	tied	slept	growl

LESSON II.

THE FLY AND THE MOTH (A FABLE).

1. A fly one night stood on the rim of a pot of jam. "Ah!" said he to himself, "here is a feast."

2. Then he went down the jar so that he might reach the jam; but found to his cost that he stuck fast, and could not get out again.

3. A moth that flew by said, "It serves you right! How could you think that such legs and wings as yours would be safe in a pot of jam?"

4. By and by the moth saw a lamp in the same room, and after flying round and round it dashed into the flame, and was nearly burnt to death.