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P R E F A C E .



JEWISH Education begins both in theory and in practice with lessons in religion. The hallowed doctrines of Judaism are to be brought home to the docile hearts of the young by clear and interesting explanations, and at the same time the application of those doctrines is to be judiciously enforced by the constant and consistent example of parents and teachers. The theoretical part of religious instruction has been embodied in a large number of educational manuals. Not one, however, of the existing publications appears to be so well adapted for the first requirements of young learners as the little Italian Catechism the title of which is given below * and

* *Catechismo Israelitico, ad uso dell' Infanzia*, del Cav. Prof. Giuseppe Levi. Torino; Foa, 1867.

which has served as the basis of the present "EARLY LESSONS IN THE JEWISH RELIGION." The Catechism in question is the production of Signor Giuseppe Levi, whose writings have obtained deserved popularity in Italy. A perusal of the following pages will shew that the system therein adopted is well suited for the inquiring minds of our intelligent little Jews and Jewesses. The lucid and methodical plan upon which the Questions and Answers are composed, will remove many objections which ordinarily attach to this class of writings.

As an improvement upon the original, appropriate Scriptural texts have been added on the right hand pages opposite to the several paragraphs, and bear the same numbers as the corresponding questions. The texts are in most instances intended as evidences of important religious truths; and, at the discretion of the teacher, they may, with advantage, be committed to memory. Where the statement contained in

the answer is of such a character as not to stand in need of Scriptural evidence, an impressive admonition from Holy Writ has been selected, as, for example, is the case in quotation No. 1. The benefit afforded by the present compilation of Scripture texts may be considerably extended, if pupils, under the guidance of their teachers, will search in the Bible for additional passages in illustration of the religious lessons. It need scarcely be remarked that the "EARLY LESSONS" should be followed by a careful study of the Ten Commandments and the Creed.
