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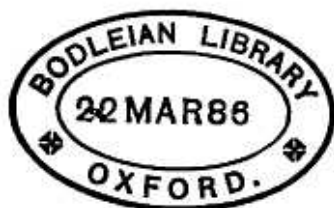


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## PREFACE

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THE INFANT READER contains short easy lessons on familiar subjects, and is intended for young children who have already had some practice in reading words of three and four letters either from cards or from the Primer.

The words used consist chiefly of common monosyllables. The Editor has not hesitated, however, to introduce a few easy disyllables, since these do not present so much difficulty to little children as some of the harder monosyllables.

The recitation of easy poetry forms part of the routine of every good Infant School, and on this account several short poetical pieces have been inserted. Many of the words are harder than those in the prose reading lessons, but it is often advisable to give children an opportunity of noticing the difficult words occurring in passages which they have already learned by heart.

The spelling exercises are not intended to supersede the teaching, by means of the blackboard, of words which present any difficulty when the lesson is first read. They may be profitably used in oral examination.

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## INFANT READER.

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### THE LAKE.



line  
lake

bait  
drop

hook  
bite

Ned Lee is off to fish in the lake.  
He has his rod and line with him.



When he gets to the lake, he will put a hook on the end of his line.

Then he will put a bait on his hook, and drop it in the lake.

By-and-by a fish will come and take a bite. Then Ned will hook the fish, and pull it out of the lake with his rod and line.

When he has got some more fish he will take them home in his bag.

### THE SEE-SAW.

plank	wood	air
great	hold	ride

Come, Ben, and let us play at see-saw.

Here is a plank. We will lay it on this great log of wood.

Now, Ben, you sit on that end of the plank, and I will sit on this end.

Off we go. See-saw. I go up, and you go down. Up and down. Up and down.

Hold fast when you are up in the air.

What fun it is to have such a ride!

**THE STAG.**

park	stop	hurt
stag	want	thin

One day, when Will and I were in the park, we saw a stag.

We had our dog Nep with us. Nep ran at the stag as soon as he saw him, and the stag ran off up the hill.

Will ran to stop the dog, for he did not want Nep to hurt the stag. I am glad to say the stag got off. With his long thin legs he ran so fast that Nep lost him, and had to turn back.

### THE BOX OF TOYS.

aunt	horse	floor
each	sheep	break

Tom has a box of toys. His kind aunt gave it to him on the day he was five years old.

The box has a lid. If you look in you will see four men in long coats. They have hats on their heads.

Each man has a dog. Then there is a horse, a pig, a cow, and a sheep.

The toys are made of wood.

Tom puts them all out on the floor in a row.

He likes to play with his toys. I hope he will take care not to break them.