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## PREFACE.

THIS book is the outgrowth of almost a lifetime of school work in nearly every grade of schools, from the district school in the country to the city superintendency.

Much of the matter contained has done duty, in other forms, at teachers' institutes in Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Illinois; and a considerable part has appeared in an educational magazine. The whole has been carefully revised—much of it rewritten.

I have not been ambitious to make a large book, but rather to condense within moderate limits as much as possible of helpfulness and inspiration to those who are bearing the burden and heat of the day. Nor have I striven after novelty or display of learning, but I have striven to make simple and plain some of the most vital things in school education.

The life of an earnest teacher is of necessity laborious and pains-taking, but it has its compensations. Though at times painfully conscious of weakness and short-coming, I find in the retrospect of



the years much more of satisfaction than regret. I rejoice that I have had, and still have, some part in a work so good.

A hearty God-speed to every worker into whose hands this book may come.

SAMUEL FINDLEY.

Akron, Ohio.

July, 1899.

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