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PREFACE.

The chief difference between a good and an inferior Arithmetic is not so much a question of matter and rules, as it is of method in the presentation and development of principles. In the former, few mathematicians would be bold enough to lay claim to originality; but in the latter every one will, perhaps, admit there is room for improvement.

In the preparation of this three-book series, consisting of a Primary, an Intermediate, and a Complete Arithmetic, the author has been influenced by the following considerations:

1°. Arithmetic treats of the whole and its parts. These are the magnitudes or objects about which Analysis and Synthesis are conversant, and on the consideration of which depends the solution of every problem. Hence, the early introduction of these terms, and frequent reference to them in the deduction of succeeding principles, are of the greatest importance.

2°. By Induction a pupil is led by easy steps, by familiar illustrations and commonplace parallelisms, into a clear apprehension of principles and definitions. Hence, each subject

should be introduced with inductive exercises.

3°. Pupils advance intelligently in any new subject just in proportion as they perceive in it a continuation of the principles with which they are familiar. Hence, whatever of sameness and of difference there is in the old and the new should be made as conspicuous as possible.

4°. Mental and written work are equally important, and should be mutually supplemental. A problem intended for written work should, in general, be preceded by a parallel question de-

signed for mental, and also as an inductive exercise.

5°. The representing of objects by the first letters of their names, as, a for apple, and b for boy or box, is not only a matter of convenience, but serves to lead pupils into the habit of generalization. 6°. Pictures assist the child to some extent in the conception of combining and resolving numbers by counting, adding, subtracting, etc., but are not so useful in this particular as objects themselves. Hence, the introduction of object exercises is a prominent feature of the first two books of the series.

 On the whole, the series is not the product of preconceived opinions as to what should constitute matter and method, but the embodiment of the results of many years experience in

teaching mathematics.

The present treatise is intended primarily to prepare pupils for the Complete Arithmetic; secondly, to meet the wants of those who desire only a knowledge of those practical applications of numbers which are most frequently used in ordinary business transactions. It is divided into two parts.

The First Part is devoted to a few lessons in primary arithmetic, embodying the more important features of the "Grube Method," with such additions as to bring it into conformity with the principles already enunciated. This part may be omitted by those who have completed the Primary Arithmetic, at the discretion of the teacher.

The Second Part embraces a very thorough elementary course in Notation and Numeration, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division, Divisors and Multiples, Common and Decimal Fractions, United States Money, Compound Numbers, some Important Practical Applications, and Percentage, including Commission, Profit and Loss and Interest. Special attention is invited to the simple, progressive, and practical treatment of these subjects, especially Division, Fractions, Decimals and Interest.

The Author acknowledges his indebtedness to many writers upon this subject, both of this and of other countries, whose able treatises have been consulted with pleasure and profit.

J. W. N.

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PART I.

Intermediate Arithmetic.

LESSON I.

COUNTING TEN.

First Re	W				a									
Second	44	79			a	a								
Third	44	38			a	a	a							
Fourth		96	4		a	a	a	11						
Fifth	14	-	-		a	a	a	a	a					
Sixth	11	-	14		a	a	a	\mathbf{a}	a	a				
Seventh											a			
Eighth												a		
Ninth	46		Э	٠.	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	
Tenth														a

DIAGRAM OF A'S.

Count the a's in each row, beginning at the top.

Count the a's in each row, beginning at the bottom.

Which is the first row? The second? The third?

The fourth? etc.

How many a's are in the first row? The third row? The ninth? The fifth? The second? The seventh? The fourth? The eighth? The sixth? The tenth?