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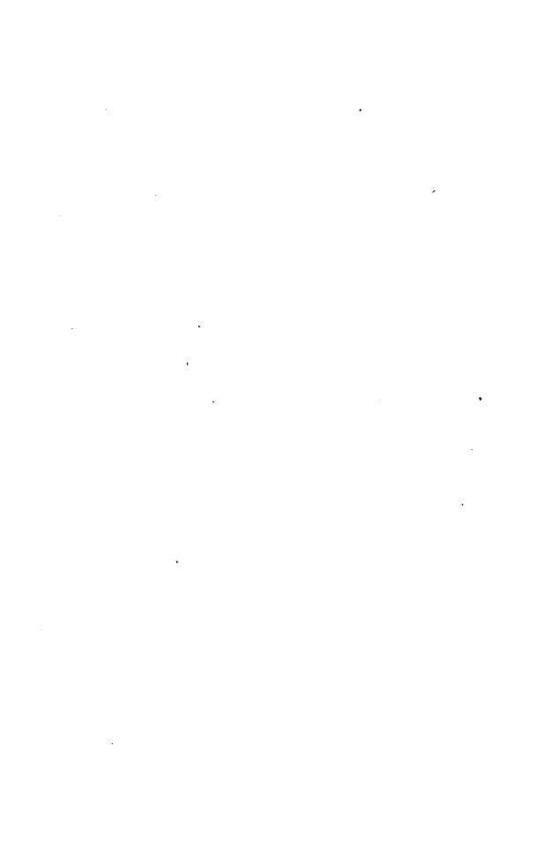
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#### PREFACE

THE aim of this reader is to give the child the independent power to read, with the least labor and in the shortest time. Therefore it deals more particularly with phonics; but the lessons are so arranged that they may be taught by the word or sentence method, which, as a first step, should undoubtedly precede all others.

Words should be dealt with first as wholes, with no reference to their elements.

While it is true that the word method should precede all others, it is an unnecessary waste of the child's time and effort to require him to go through a whole book arranged with no systematic plan for teaching any phonic element. Accordingly, this book deals first with the word method, gradually introducing phonics; then with the two together.

The object of reading is, of course, to obtain thoughts, but these thoughts cannot be obtained without the mastery of the words in which they are expressed.

It is from a thorough knowledge of phonics alone that the child gains the independent power to acquire new words. Without this power, learning to read is a slow, tedious process.