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## PREFACE FOR SECOND EDITION.

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IN preparing a second edition of this little book, several questions and suggestions received since its publication have been carefully considered. The time, however, has been too short to give them that thorough testing which has been given to every detail of the course as here planned, and which would alone warrant any change.

In some schools a substitute for the canvas weaving patch is now being used. It is a small piece of cardboard with two parallel rows of small holes, across from one to the other of which a warp is worked with worsted, and upon this, in contrasting color, is woven a woof. The idea of the contrasting color is excellent, and of course the cards take less time than the canvas, but only longer experience and comparison of the two methods can demonstrate whether the gain in time may not be a loss in some more important points.

In talking the matter over with some of the older girls who had just graduated from one of our schools,

their opinion was that much incidental and valuable knowledge was gained in handling the canvas, and the very difficulty of manipulating such stiff material gave them a skill and dexterity which helped them greatly in their future work.

If, however, the time saved by the use of the card-board shall prove not to be at the expense of less tangible, but more important things, let it be substituted at once.

In a word, let us always be on the watch for better methods, and because great advances have already been made, and we have accepted the most approved methods of to-day, let us not think that to-morrow can have nothing to teach us.

On the other hand we should make no hasty or unwise changes, considering not only the abstract value of the new idea, but its fitness for the conditions under which we work.

*August, 1895.*

## P R E F A C E .

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THIS little Handbook is a revised and enlarged edition of written instructions, that have been in use for several years in Emmanuel Chapel Industrial School, New York City.

In response to numerous requests for copies of these directions, they have been printed.

Generous thanks are due the Directresses of various schools who have kindly given the benefit of their experience and made many valuable suggestions.

*October, 1893.*