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## PREFACE.

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THE compilers of this little volume have felt that when the custom of having declamations in school died out, something was lost that was well worth saving. The declamation may not have been very valuable, but the committing to memory selections from good literature certainly was. There is now a tendency to revive this feature of the work, and there seems to be no book that meets the needs of schools in this particular. What is wanted is a book of selections, not unduly large, and graded with care, for the three departments that most schools have. There are any number of books of selections, and excellent ones, but not made with this work in mind. There is a great lack of suitable selections for primary schools. One who has never looked up the matter would be surprised to learn how great the dearth is. The compilers of this little book have looked through more than three hundred volumes for selections for the primary department alone. For grammar and high school work there is an embarrassment of riches. The difficulty here is what to omit.

The compilers of this volume have had three things constantly in mind. They have aimed to make selections that

Are good literature,  
Inculcate good morals,  
Teach patriotism.

How well they have succeeded remains to be seen. They have attempted this work primarily and chiefly to meet the needs of their own schools.

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