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## P R E F A C E .

THE following treatise has been written in the hope that it may supply, in some degree, a real want. For several years the author was a teacher of Logic, in the Military Academy at West Point, where the subject was thoroughly studied by the aid of Archbishop Whately's text-book.

How much a manual was needed before that work appeared may be known from the significant fact that, as soon as it was published as an article in the Encyclopædia Metropolitana, it was eagerly caught at by the community of teachers, and used, unaltered, as a book for college instruction, on both sides of the Atlantic.

Since the publication of that article many have attempted the preparation of a manual, which should have the instruction of classes as its original design; but the soundness of Whately's views and the con-

ciseness of his expression, still give to his work the greatest circulation. Among so many endeavours the author would venture to express the hope that his little manual may find its special purpose and mission: it is short; it is explanative of all the difficult points so often left to confuse a student; the arrangement is simple, and much that in a larger treatise would be of necessity included, is here omitted, so that what the student learns in the limited time of a college term, he may learn well, and retain in his memory as a basis for further investigations. To some persons it may seem too much simplified; but let it be remembered that it is a manual for youth; and that its only aim is to teach them the *Elements* of Logic, as the foundation of all reasoning.

The basis of the work is 'Whately's Logic'; many of the examples are taken directly from that; so many indeed, that the acknowledgment is here made for them all, and for much that is excellent in arrangement and in expression. As the clear expounder of Aristotle, and the originator of much that is valuable, Whately must stand at the head of the Logicians of this age. The author would refer specially also to the material assistance obtained from "*Devey's*



*Logic*," (Bohn's series), "*Aristotle's Post and Prior Analytics*," (Bohn's translation); *Neil's Art of Reasoning*;" "*Blakey's Historical Sketch of Logic*;" "*Lord Bacon's New Organon*; *Arnauld* (*Logique de Port Royal*); *J. Bentham's "Book of Fallacies."* From *Neil* a few of the examples have been taken.

Besides these he has consulted a great number of works, the aid derived from which is so general that they do not require special mention.

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