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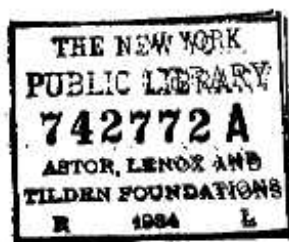
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PREFACE

THE study of English grammar in the elementary schools has been in disfavor in the past because the text-books and the teaching have been excessively technical and mechanical. And yet with the passing of the grammar has come a sense of loss.

This little book is the result of an attempt to simplify and rationalize the presentation of the subject. There has been a purpose constantly in mind to limit the discussions to the principles which are fundamental in every language, and to such applications of those principles as are within the ability of pupils between the ages of thirteen and fifteen years to understand.

The book is therefore by no means a complete treatise. On the other hand, it is believed that it gives such information and the opportunity for such training as the person in every-day life needs for the proper understanding and use of his own language, and that it also furnishes an adequate preparation for the study of foreign languages.

These Lessons have taken shape in the classroom. Many of the difficulties usually found in text-books of this class will not be found here, because they have