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PREFACE.

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This volume is supplementary to Volume III., being a continuation of the discussions on the "test questions" set by the author in 1902-3, under the circumstances referred to in the introductory chapter of Volume III. They are for the most part more advanced than those contained in Volume III., and the number of answers to each question are more numerous in consequence of the system having become better known.

The author gives this to the paper trade in the hope that it will be used in conjunction with Volume III. by the aid fo the index as a work of reference, and that it will be of service not only to papermakers and mill hands, but also to the vast number of users of paper.

The author wishes again to record his thanks to his colleague, Dr. H. P. Stevens, for many suggestions and for his valuable assistance in passing proofs for press.

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GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO VOL. IV.

THE work, the outcome of which has resulted in the production of this and the preceding volume, was started in 1902 as a result of a conversation which the author had with Mr. James

Duguid, the then editor of PAPER AND PULP.

After taking the opinions of leading members of the paper trade who were found to be favourable to the scheme, an attempt was made to conduct correspondence classes. The scheme was not based upon correspondence tuition as generally understood; the author called his system "Test Questions," the object being to set a number of practical questions which should be a test as to the knowledge and capacity of those who answered them. The original object of these test questions was to assist paper-mill workmen to prepare themselves for the examination on paper manufacture by the City and Guilds of London Institute. As the work advanced it became evident that the various workers were far more interested in vying with one another in their answers than in seeking to prepare themselves for any after examination.

It was arranged that the names of the writers of the papers should not be made known, and that there should be no direct correspondence between the examiner and those who sent in their answers, the only medium of their correspondence being the columns of Paper and Pulp, so that any comments and criticisms made by the examiner could be read by all readers of the journal. Marks were given to each of the answers, and the winner of the series was awarded a prize. On the award of the prizes, with the consent of the first three on the list, the first three names were published. The papers were freely quoted from, and some of special value and interest were published in extense.

Many of those who entered were working men, without any experience of preparing an examination paper, some possessed very poor literary style, others showed some ability to express their views, but, whether illiterate or not, the great bulk of the answers showed considerable labour and thought, and reflected the greatest credit on the workers' industry. As the examiner was conducting Test Questions with the primary object of helping lame dogs over stiles, in order that an illiterate working man might, if he possessed the knowledge, have as good a chance as an educated manager's son, he judged the answers entirely on their value as conveying, or seeking to convey, information. But education must tell in the long run, as it gives a man the power to think as well as to express his thoughts. Many of the writers undertook special researches for the purpose of throwing light upon the questions. The answers to the first questions were comparatively poor, due, no doubt, to the inability of the writers to express their views, but the majority gained some experience and profit by the general interchange of opinions resulting from the publication, and comments upon one another's answers. As a result the answers slowly but steadily improved. All were specially cautioned against divulging any trade secrets or stating anything that might be regarded as special information belonging to their firm. The author cannot recall a single instance in which such information was tendered in the answers. Furthermore, many employers expressed themselves in favour of the system, and in no case can the author recall a single instance in which the employer raised an objection to his workpeople making use of the system.

It has been urged that correspondence tuition tends to discourage class teaching, which latter is considered far more valuable. and consequently correspondence teaching should not be resorted As proof against this view, the author found that the greatest number of students, in any one locality, who availed themselves of the correspondence tuition, were, at the same time, attending lectures and classes conducted privately by their employers. It does not appear that correspondence tuition will in any way interfere with the lecture attendance, but it would appear, rather, that one will assist the other. There are many things to be said in favour of correspondence tuition; for instance, there are many difficulties to be contended with in classes, which do not occur in correspondence tuition. The classes are few and far between, and not accessible to many, whereas correspondence teaching is equally accessible to students in all parts of the country. Correspondence tuition is perhaps a misnomer; in so far as it relates to the scope of these volumes, the attempt has rather been to help and guide mill-workers by setting them