

## PREFACE.

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GUYOT'S INTRODUCTION has been pronounced by competent authorities to be the best of school reading books. This judgment has led the publishers to present this work in a form more attractive and available for class-room uses. The occasion has been improved to revise it thoroughly, and by changes, additions, and omissions to give it a completeness such as is indicated by its new name.

The value of such a Reader is obvious. The material presented is interesting and useful as matter of knowledge; its familiar and colloquial style awakens interest in the subject, creates easy and natural tones of expression, and leaves a lasting impression on the mind.

In order to complete its usefulness as a class book, the leading geographical facts are gathered up and presented in Part II. as a Primer of Lessons. This part is a brief outline of geography for beginners; noticing the *location* and *commercial and political* character of the countries, the *nature* of which, with much of their *life*, has been given in Part I. The form of these lessons, and their intimate connection with the readings, are such as to make mere repetition of words without thoughts altogether impossible.

THE GUYOT GEOGRAPHICAL READER AND PRIMER is believed to embody, both in the choice of material for its grade and in the mode of treatment, the best results of thought and experience on the part of the most earnest and practical educators.