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PREFACE.

A review of a book on Portland Cement ended with these words: "The latest information on a dry and dusty subject." The adjectives may seem somewhat disparaging of the subject, yet the writer was evidently a man of far wiser discernment than to intend giving encouragement to aspiring souls who consider such information as insignificant detail, not worthy of serious attention. Those engaged in constructive work can hardly fail to recognise the importance of a thorough knowledge of cementing materials: it needs no proof, and may be briefly summed in the paraphrase, "No good cement, no good building."

The present book is an endeavour to present to its readers a useful manual, derived from the principal
authorities, on the subject of limes and cements, and it is hoped that they may not find in it much that will have to be un-learned. The pages are purposely not cumbered with footnotes or with more references than seem to be needed. The improvement of the book will not be neglected.

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