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EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION

THE companion volume in this series of textbooks, written by the same authors, has proven very useful to thousands of teachers as a guide in giving instruction in the so-called fundamental subjects of the elementary-school course. The teaching of arithmetic, geography, history, and English, though, is usually found easy in comparison with that of the special subjects, largely due to the better instruction in both subject-matter and methods which teachers in training are given in these fundamentals. In many of our larger school systems, too, special supervisors for each of the special subjects are employed to direct the instruction and to advise teachers as to the best practices and the most satisfactory methods to be employed. In the smaller school systems, however, and in all rural-school systems not organized under the county-unit form of school administration, such special supervision is almost invariably absent. In all such schools elementary teachers must not only teach the fundamental, but the special, subjects as well, without other help than an occasional visit from a supervisory officer and such books as the present number in the series and its companion volume can give.

It has been with a view to affording practical assistance to teachers, so situated, in the management of

their morning exercises, special-day programs, the organization of the seat work for the smaller children, and in conducting the instruction in music, drawing, physical training, play, nature study, and agriculture that this volume has been prepared. The long experience of each of the authors in guiding the work of teachers in our larger city school systems in itself insures a useful and a practical volume, and an examination of the manuscript is convincing that such a volume has been prepared.

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