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## PREFACE.

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THE FRANKLIN FOURTH READER, in the new series, corresponds to the Fourth Reader in the former series, and is intended to be used by pupils of the same class. There is more variety in the pieces, and they are, in general, somewhat more easy of comprehension. With a single exception,—that of Mrs. Barbauld's Hymn to Night,—they are all new. Some are *original contributions*, in which the compiler has a legal right. The work, as will be seen, is profusely illustrated, and no pains have been spared by the publishers to make it attractive.

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