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## PREFACE

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This manual is intended to replace all former instructions relating to the topographic work of the United States Geological Survey and to provide a manual of instruction for the personnel of other organizations engaged in topographic surveying. An attempt has been made to have these instructions complete so far as the technical work of topographic mapping is concerned. General regulations and instructions for the Geological Survey have for the most part been omitted, but those relating to fiscal affairs and to a few other important phases of administration have been digested and repeated herein.

The manual is issued in several parts, each covering a general subject, thus saving public funds by providing a distribution of separate parts to those interested only in one or more of the subjects. These several parts have been prepared by the members of the topographic branch best qualified for each task, and each part has been reviewed and revised by the section chief responsible for the administration of that particular part of topographic work.

Each part, except "Administration," has been approved by the Board of Surveys and Maps. In fact, all the technical parts have been reviewed by a committee of the board and made a part of a report of that committee.

Criticism of these instructions, suggestions for their improvement, and notice of errors or omissions are invited.

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