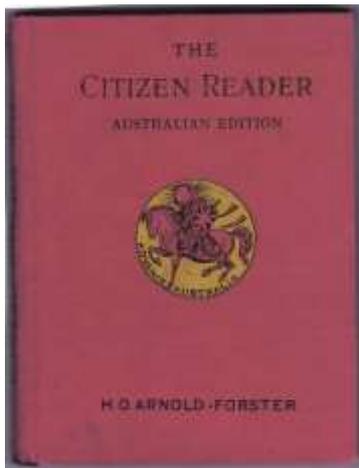


Collection Highlight

Title: The Citizen Reader for the use of Schools, Australian Edition

Author: H.O. Arnold-Forster adapted for Australian Children by Charles R. Long

Cassell & Company, Melbourne 1906, 212 pages, cloth bound, frontis world map, colour and black & white illustrations.



The English edition of this school textbook by Arnold-Foster was first published in 1885, dealing with such topics as the meaning of citizenship, how the country is governed, how the laws are carried out, Britain and her colonies, freedom, thrift and education. The Australian adaptation was a most popular textbook for the new curriculum emphasis of “Citizenship” which became part of the Australian state school Australian History syllabuses following Federation in 1901. As Charles Long states in the Preface to the Australian edition,

“Now, however, our programs of instruction include Australian history, the rights and duties of citizenship (civic and moral) and a conspectus of British history”.

Charles Long made a number of significant changes to the original 1885 edition by deleting some of the chapters relating directly to England and substituting chapters which describe the Federal system of government in Australia following Federation, under the heading “The King, His Representatives and the Parliament of Australia”. Also, in the chapters on Defence, Long describes the Australian forces, and in chapter 15 on “The Flag” he describes the Australian flag, for which there is included an illustration. Australian local government structures and responsibilities are explained in later chapters.

Charles Richard Long

Charles Long was a prominent member of the Victorian Department of Education during the period 1890-1930. He was the author of a number of school textbooks, he was an inspector of Victorian schools, also an outstanding teachers and most importantly, he was founder and editor of the first “*School Paper*” in that Colony, which he established for the Victorian Department of Education in 1896. This school magazine was issued to all Victorian State Schools and 200,000 copies were printed each month. Charles Long was also editor of the Victorian *Education Gazette and Teachers’ Aid*, which was launched in 1900.

Charles Long, born in Australia in 1860, became a pupil-teacher in 1877, and after completing his training was a teacher at Richmond State School in Victoria. He graduated B.A. in 1887 and M.A. in 1889 from Melbourne University and in 1890 was appointed a School Inspector. He was the author of number of primary school textbooks including *Stories of Australian Exploration*, (1903), *Foundation of the Australian States and New Zealand*, (1930); *Victoria, Its Foundation and Development* (1925), and *The Tasmanian History of Australian Exploration* (1913) A more detailed biography of Charles Richard Long is contained in the *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, Volume 10, 1986.