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## P R E F A C E.

THE present volume, the necessary and natural supplement of the FIRST EXERCISE BOOK, is intended to offer the student a collection of sentences referring to all the Parts of Speech, with the exception of the Verb.

The various Exercises contained in this new book, are to show the learner whether he is able to apply practically what he has before learnt only in theory, in other words, the Rules laid down in §§ 158—275. To the Exercises on the several Parts of Speech there has, in most cases, been added a final Exercise which, by its longer periods and more complicated syntactical construction, is likely to present somewhat more difficulty. Yet, as the Rules ex-

plained in §§ 158—275 *merely bear on the form of words*, not on the construction of sentences, I have thought it advisable again to give, as a general rule, Exercises consisting of short and detached phrases and sentences only, which present no *syntactical* difficulty whatever, and which the learner, who has carefully gone through the First Exercise Book, should be able at once to translate *vivâ voce*. In this manner much time is gained; the whole book, I think, may be easily translated in a few months' time.

This second volume then brings to a close the systematic study of the *form* of words, *i.e.*, the Accidence, as set forth in my FRENCH GRAMMAR.

I shall feel truly thankful for any criticisms and comments which may be addressed to me with the view of rendering both the GRAMMAR and the two EXERCISE BOOKS more useful to the young. The way in which I may make use of such communications will, I hope, be the best proof of my gratitude, and of the fact that I am more anxious to be taught and to teach what is right, than to conceal the fact that I am liable to make mistakes.

Whatever the fate of the above-named books

may be—whether they may become lasting favourites with the general public, or be doomed to sink into oblivion after a short career of success—there is one thing of still greater importance and interest to me, viz., to watch, even from a distance, the fate and the progress of the Philological Study of Modern Languages in England. For it was the wish on my part that such a study should become more and more domesticated in that country which prompted me to try to show in what way even elementary teaching might be benefited by the Science of Comparative and Historic Philology, and in what way the study of the ordinary Rules of the Accidence might be made more true and more interesting to both teachers and scholars.

In conclusion, I wish to express the sincere hope that the duties of the new position upon which I am about to enter, will not render it impossible for me to write another book in English—the SYNTAX OF FRENCH GRAMMAR. If this hope be realized, I shall consider such a work the payment in part of the debt of gratitude that binds me to England, a country which has been my second Home and Fatherland for such a great number of years.