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THE French Edition of this Grammar has received, through its adoption by the Imperial Council on Public Instruction, the highest of all testimonials. We may therefore confidently point out the principal improvements which have obtained for this work so signal a mark of approbation.

In the PRELIMINARY PART we have attached great importance to Prosody and to Pronunciation.

In the FIRST SECTION, **Classification and Orthography of Words**, will perhaps be found new rules on the *gender of substantives*, on *Compound substantives*, on *verbs* (reduced to two conjugations); on *derivation*, on the *doubling of consonants*, and on several other difficulties in orthography.

In the SECOND SECTION, which comprehends **Syntax**, some innovations will also be noticed as regards the *elements of phraseology*, the use of the *article*, the *adjective*, and the *pronoun*; the orthography of the *past participle*, reduced to two rules; the *complements*, or the *objects* of verbs and prepositions; the use of the Indicative

and Subjunctive moods, and, lastly, the Imperfect and Perfect tenses, the proper employment of which is generally found so difficult by foreigners.

In short, we have endeavoured to simplify and to reduce the rules to the most important general principles; it having been our object, principally through analysis and reflection, to bring into exercise, not merely memory, but judgment and intelligence.

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