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PREFACE.

THE present edition of the "Gradatim" differs from former editions in several important particulars.

The grammatical material, consisting of rules for pronunciation and the more important principles of syntax, has been put into an INTRODUCTION, with references to the leading school grammars. The advantage of thus grouping the rules for convenience of reference is obvious; while the language and arrangement, conforming closely to what the student will find in his beginner's book and grammar, will, it is believed, render his progress more rapid and satisfactory.

Frequent reference to the rules has been made by affixing the appropriate figure to the word or expression requiring explanation. Idioms which might prove troublesome to the beginner are explained in the vocabulary.

Some of the less interesting stories found in the original edition have been omitted, and the story of *Ulysses* from Ritchie's *Fabulae Faciles* has been added. The summary of the story of *Ulysses* is the same as that found in other editions.

Long vowels have been marked in accordance with the prevailing practice.

Provision is made for *theme work* by inserting after each of the first seventy-five selections a group of questions in Latin, to be answered by the student from the material found in the text, and by adding a simple Eng-

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lish exercise for translation into Latin. These questions and exercises are very simple at first, keeping closely to the text, but gradually increase in difficulty as the student advances. The editor believes that translation into Latin from the beginning is of the utmost importance, and that the student should begin the writing of connected discourse as early as possible. Experience proves that an average class may profitably begin work upon the simpler stories and exercises after a few weeks of preparation in the first Latin book.

The Rules of Syntax have been taken largely from Tuell and Fowler's FIRST BOOK IN LATIN, to which excellent book due credit is given.

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