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TO WHICH ARE ADDED,

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PREFACE.

THE plan of the present little work will at once appear from an inspection of the Table of Contents; it will there be seen that an Exercise is provided for the pupil on each chapter of the Accidence, to be either written out or done *visit vace* before he proceeds to the next; accustoming him thus from the very outset to the reading and making of Latin, which is too generally deferred to a more advanced period. This method will also be found to interest the child, by relieving in some measure the monotony of his task, and enlivening by its variation what must otherwise be a weary pilgrimage indeed.

The object that has been kept in view throughout is to test the pupil's accuracy in his preparation of each particular chapter or subject. No models or examples, therefore, have been inserted, these being supposed to be accessible in the Grammar only; and not even there without the permission of the teacher.

Another feature, in which it is hoped that this work will contrast favourably with others of its kind, is, that it contains no references or notes to be "looked

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out," a point of much greater consequence than might at first be imagined; for the abbreviations and hieroglyphics of some elementary books are perfectly bewildering to children; in fact, quite a science by itself.

For the novel character of some of the Exercises, it will be sufficient explanation to state, that they have been constructed for those who commence Latin Grammar with little or no knowledge of English; which is the case in nine instances out of ten. The necessity, then, for such Exercises as Nos. VI. XXXII. LVII. LXII. &c., will at once be apparent. Teachers are never sufficiently aware of the difficulties that children find in matters of this sort.

The large collection of Questions (confined, like the Exercises, strictly to the Accidence) will be found useful at the weekly examinations. It is intended less for the Master than the Pupil; and will give him some idea of what is required of him on each subject. Many more questions might have been added; but the intelligent teacher will easily be able to vary those that are given, and to suggest others.

An introductory chapter, on various methods of teaching Grammar, has been inserted; containing some observations and suggestions that may prove not wholly unacceptable to governesses and others, who have had but little experience in teaching the elements of so difficult a subject.

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