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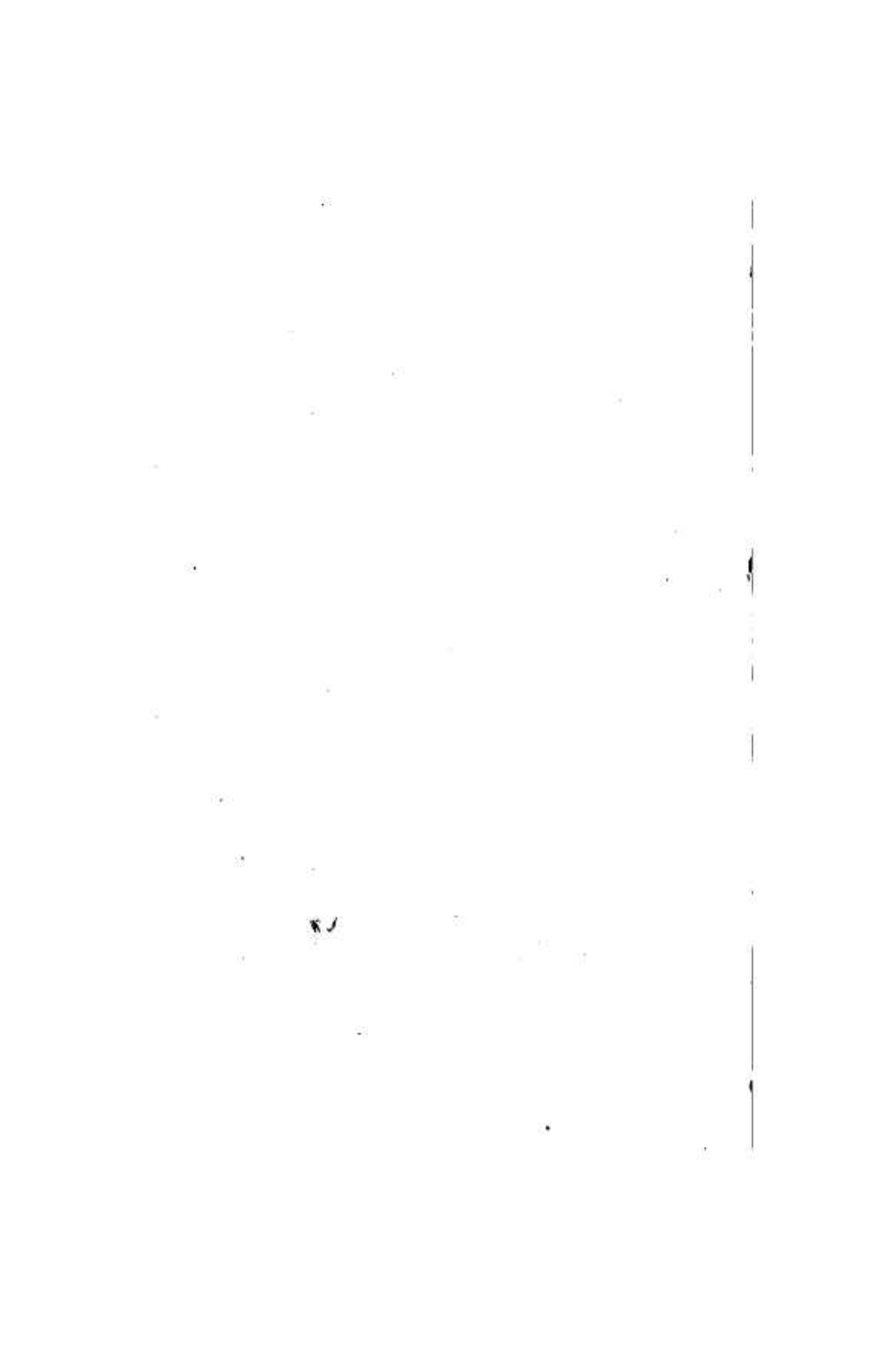
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## PREFACE.

IN writing this book, my aim has been not so much to give my pupils a repetition of the elementary rules of *Grammar*, as to point out plainly and fully the differences between the English and French languages, and to place before them the peculiarities of our language in such a way that they may be the more easily understood. (See *school*, page 61; *returned*, 68, &c.)

Though I have adopted the same method (except in a few exercises; see ex. 23, 26, 29, 30, 51, 71, 113, &c.) as Ahn, Otto, Chardenal, &c., I have been careful to give my pupils rules that will apply, and especially so with the rules on the use of the tenses (which I have given with each tense).

All French Courses say that before *h mute* we put *l'*, but I have not yet seen one that told the pupil when the *h* was aspirate. This I have done by putting the *h aspirate* in *italic* (in the exercises), by giving a number of everyday words (see page 166), and by giving three rules (page 167) which may be easily remembered.

The consonants at the end of words that are sounded I have also given in *italic*.

The rules given (pages ix. to xiv.) on pronunciation, and (from 171 to 176) on the gender of nouns, would alone make this a useful book of reference; and, our best grammarians (Brachet, Noël and Chapsal, &c.), having been consulted, it will be found to be especially useful by persons wishing to have a thorough knowledge of the language, and by those preparing for examinations.

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