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### PREFACE.

During my experience of many years in teaching German I have constantly felt the want of material suitably graded, for translating into German. I have searched and inquired everywhere, but have not succeeded in finding what I was in need of; it is true, there are books prepared for that purpose, but none of them seemed to me just the thing needed. The contents of these books are either too classical and therefore too uninteresting, or, again, consist mostly of anecdotes which are found more or less literally in any German reader.

As I have always been of the opinion that this kind of work should be begun early, I was obliged to prepare something adapted to the progressive needs of my classes; but this generally consumed a great deal of valuable time, since this material had to be copied. In this way I have, in the course of a number of years, accumulated sufficient material for a three or four years' course.

Having been urged repeatedly by teachers of high standing, who knew of my work, to collect and arrange my exercises for publication, I have at length decided to put together these pieces just as I have given them to my classes, when they were ready to begin translating connected matter into German.

It remains for me to acknowledge, with thanks, the assistance I have received from the gentlemen named below, in compiling this book: Mr. J. Tetlow, Head Master of the Girls' High

and Latin Schools, has given me the most invaluable suggestions after reading a part of my manuscript; as also Mr. J. Norris, Head Master of Charlestown High School, and Mr. S. Thurber, Master in the Girls' High School, have made necessary corrections in my English work.

I also extend my thanks to Mr. C. H. Heintzemann, who, through his care and personal attention to the typography, has given a pleasing appearance to this little book.

### INTRODUCTION.

As every one knows who has studied German, the construction is of the greatest importance, and the rules on this subject must be given in the briefest and clearest form. I have therefore devoted a few pages at the outset to a preliminary statement of such facts and principles as are indispensable to beginners. Other necessary hints will be given in connection with the notes and vocabularies.

It further seemed desirable to me that in a book of this kind the notes should not be given in the form of references to any particular grammar, but should be complete in themselves, so as to be used in connection with any text-book. The first exercises may be begun as soon as the rudiments of any grammar in general use have been studied, and the grammar and this book may go hand in hand for some time.

I have found in my experience that pupils of good ability will begin the exercises contained in this little book and see their way quite clear when they have mastered the regular forms of the declensions of nouns and adjectives, the cases used after a few common prepositions, the conjugation of the auxiliary verbs and the formation of the tenses of regular verbs. The aim of this book is, in fact, to make the pupil practically acquainted with the parts of speech and the common construction of the language, after a general acquaintance with the regular forms has been gained.

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### GERMAN EXERCISES.

### Inversion of Construction (Verb before the Subject).

- I. In the following instances as in English: -
- (a) In interrogative sentences:
  - 1. Wann hat ber Anabe fein Buch nicht in ber Schule gehabt? When has the boy, etc.
  - 2. Wo hat ber Anabe gestern sein Buch nicht gehabt? Where has the boy, etc.
  - 3. Hat ber Mann sein Gelb gefunden? Has the man his money found?
  - 4. Haben Sie bas neue haus gefauft? Have you the new house bought?
- (b) In imperative sentences:
  - 5. Schreiben Sie einen Brief an Ihren Ontel ! Write (you) a letter to your uncle !
- (c) In exclamatory sentences:
  - 6. Sollte bas Rind gefallen fein!
    Should the child fallen be have fallen!
- (d) In conditional sentences when the conjunction "if" (wenn) is omitted, which may be done at any time in German:
  - 7. Satte ber Anabe heute fein Buch nicht in ber Schule gehabt.

Had the boy to-day his book not in school had.

8. Bare ber Knabe zwei Jahre alter. Were the boy two years older.