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PREFACE.

THIS book is a revision of my *Appendix to Bennett's Latin Grammar*, published in 1895. That book was originally prepared as a series of lectures to advanced students on subjects not covered in any Latin Grammar published in America. The title "Appendix," however, was misleading and gave to many a wrong impression of the purpose and scope of the book, which was in reality written long in advance of the publication of my *Latin Grammar* and entirely without reference to that work. The new title is more appropriate to the views discussed and the facts brought out; hence the change.

In the revision some dozen pages of old matter have been omitted, while nearly forty pages of new matter have been introduced; but the general plan and scope of the book are unchanged.

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