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NOTE TO THE FIFTH EDITION.

SINCE the first edition of this Grammar was published, it has been introduced in numerous schools and classes requiring a more elementary treatment, and a fuller exhibition of paradigms, than those for which it was originally designed. Several teachers, indeed, of experience and skill, have found our condensed forms of inflection amply sufficient, even for beginners, — preferring to exercise the judgment and intelligence of the pupil in the construction of other forms on the model of these, as part of the business of the class-room; and considering that in this way *more of the language itself is learned*, and more accurately, than by the mere exercise of verbal memory. But, for the convenience of those who adopt a different method, very full Tables of Inflection have been inserted — which can be used or not, according to the teacher's choice — distinguished by a different type and marginal rule, and carefully accented, so as to facilitate their pronunciation by the common or English method. These Tables have enabled us, by relieving our pages here and there, to expand our treatment of several points where it seemed desirable; and, at the same time, to introduce considerable new material, which will be found convenient for reference.

In the Supplement we have set forth, with some fulness, for the use of teachers, the method of Instruction, and the principles of Classification by Vowel and Consonant Stems, which we have had in view in the preparation of this Manual.

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PREFACE.

MANY of the best friends of classical education have long desired a manual of elementary instruction in Latin grammar,—which lies at the foundation of a classical course,—full and accurate enough to be a practical guide to the learner, but avoiding the prodigious multiplication of details, which have so overgrown that study in our ordinary school text-books.

In attempting to meet this want, we have been guided by the following principles:—

1. To admit only what is likely to be really useful information to the learner, and nothing which he will be likely to look for in the dictionary first.

2. To avoid, as far as possible, all subtilities of theory and technicalities of phrase; and to illustrate every point, as it is stated, by examples in correct Latin, uniformly rendered into the corresponding English idiom.

3. To aid the eye, by the typography and arrangement of the page, so as to make it an easy manual of reference. Every Latin word we have used is printed

in a special type, cast expressly for this book, and is followed immediately (except in the section on Prosody), by its English equivalent, *italicized*. The quantities of roots and inflections are abundantly given throughout. In orthography, we have followed the most approved editions of the present day, adopting a few forms which may possibly be regarded as innovations, but varying less than some might desire from the past usage of our text-books.

In the classification and arrangement of paradigms we have expended a great deal of care. The classification of Nouns of the Third Declension, — which is based partly on that of Key, — seems to us to have great advantages over that commonly adopted. The exhibition of the Verb-forms will be found not only a material help to the learner by its compactness, clearness, and easiness of reference; but to have the special benefit of keeping distinctly in view the point (which teachers so often fail to make familiar) that all irregularities, or peculiarities of conjugation, are confined to the forms from the first or Present stem, while the others follow one uniform model throughout.

This volume is not, in any sense, an abridgment or compilation from previous writers. Except in some details of Prosody, we have not been *directly* indebted to any of those in use in our schools. Our plan has grown from our own wants and experience; and the examples have been selected, in general, from our