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PREFACE.

In preparing a new Edition of the French Accidence and Minor Syntax, we have endeavoured to make it more generally useful, by excluding a considerable number of exceptional forms and other difficulties from the early chapters and putting them together in an Appendix. The book is therefore, we hope, simplified without losing completeness as a work of reference. The order and, with a few exceptions which can easily be recognised, the numbering of the sections of the previous editions is retained. The conventional arrangement has been preserved but, of course, a judicious teacher will select for himself. No one, for example, would dream of teaching the gender rules, or any but the simplest pronouns, before the auxiliary and regular verbs. In the Appendix will be found the licenses tolerated by the French Government in their examinations, "license which, it should be remembered, have not yet received the sanction of the French Academy or of the literary world. It will probably be found the wisest plan at present to teach the normal forms, and not to leave the pupil alternatives which may tend to confuse him.

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