† Note.—This Definition of Pronoun is old and useful, but not very accurate. The real distinction between Noun and Pronoun is that the latter is of universal application. The words "I," "thou," "he," may stand under varying circumstances for every person in the world, and "it" for every thing in the world; while any particular noun can only apply to a certain set of things.

There is a certain likeness between Pronouns and Proper Nouns, the things denoted by them being subject to no definition.

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Relative and Demonstrative.

19. (i) Distinguish between the Relative and the Demonstrative, remembering that Relative always has a conjunctive (or joining) force:

Ex.—This is the house that Jack built.

"That" is a Relative Pronoun, Antecedent "house," and joining "This is the house" and "Jack built":—Acc. case gov. by "built."

That is the man.

"That" is a Demonstrative Pronoun, pointing to "man."

Reflexive and Emphatic.

(ii) Distinguish between Reflexive and Emphatic Personals, which have precisely the same forms:

Ex.—He said so himself. (Personal.)
He hurt himself. (Reflexive.)

[The same distinction exists in Latin between "se" and "ipse," and in French between "se" and "lui-même."]

Notice that the Reflexive is always in the Accusative or Dative case.

But.

(iii) The word But sometimes fills the place of a Relative Pronoun, as in

There is no man but has some conscience.

= There is no man who has not some conscience.