

necessary to be believed', so you will find, at the same time, every necessary direction for the performance of your duty'; this book, therefore, must be the rule of all your actions'; and it will prove your best friend in all the journey of life'.

PENULTIMATE MEMBER.

Definition and Rule.—The penultimate member is the last limb or member in the sentence but one. As the final member takes the falling, the penultimate adopts the rising inflection.

Example.—The soul, considered abstractly from its passions, is of a remiss and sedentary nature'; slow in its resolves, and languishing in its execution'.

EXCEPTION TO THE FOREGOING RULES.

Whenever the member of a sentence, claiming the rising inflection, terminates with a strongly emphatic word, the falling inflection is applied; for strong emphasis always dictates the downward slide of the voice.

Example.—I must therefore desire the reader to remember that, by the pleasures of the imagination, I mean those only that arise from *sight*'; and that I divide them into two kinds'.

SERIES.

Definition.—Series implies that succession of similar or opposite particulars, or portions of a sentence, whether single, double, triple, or compound, or whatever other variety they may assume, which frequently commence or close a compound sentence. These may be divided into

- 1st, The *Simple Series*;
- 2d, The *Compound Series*;
- 3d, The *Series of Serieses*.

SIMPLE SERIES.

Definition.—The simple series consists of two or more single particulars, following each other in succession, either in commencing or closing a sentence.

RULE 1.—When the sentence commences with two particulars, the 1st takes the ', and the 2d the ' inflection.

Example.—Manufactures' and agriculture', give steady employment to thousands of the poorer order'.

RULE 2.—When the sentence closes with two single particulars, the 1st takes the ', and the ' inflection.

Example.—Example is generally more forcible than precept' or discipline'.

RULE 3.—When the sentence commences with three single particulars, the 1st and 2d take the ', and the 3d the ' inflection.