

risers and falls. A *continual* struggle is one that has never been interrupted. A *continuous* line of railway, is one which is *broken* at no point. *Perpetual* banishment, is that to which there is no end. That which has an end is *limited*. A *uniform* standard ; a *variable* standard. *Uniform* courtesy ; *variable* winds.

beautiful.

lovely.
elegant.
graceful.
picturesque.
sublime.
grand.

ugly.

plain-looking.
deformed.
awkward.
tame.
ridiculous.
paltry.

EXERCISE.—A *beautiful* face. An *ugly* man. A *lovely* child. A *plain-looking* girl. An *ugly* trick. An *elegant* form. A *deformed* limb. A *graceful* movement. An *awkward* movement. A *graceful* action. A *graceful* compliment. An *awkward* mistake. *Picturesque* scenery in the reverse of *tame*. A *sublime* thought. A *ridiculous* fancy. A *ridiculous* blunder. A *grand* scheme. A *paltry* contrivance.

praise.

commend.
approve.
exonerate.
encourage.

blame.

censure.
reprove.
rebuke.
chide.

EXERCISE.—A master *blames* or he *praises* his servant. A critic *censures* or *commends* a book or a course of action. *Reproof* and *rebuke* are stronger than simple *blame* ; they are *blame* expressed in words addressed to the object of it. To *exonerate*, is to relieve from a burden of blame. We *exonerate* one from a charge. A parent lovingly *chides* his child when he does wrong, and *encourages* him when he is doing right.

timid.

fearful.
spiritless.
cowardly.
craven.

bold.

fearless.
courageous.
brave.
chivalrous.

EXERCISE.—A *bold* man. A *bold* step. A *bold* adventure. A *timid* girl. *Timid* pol-

icy. A *fearless* foe. A *fearful* calamity, is one that excites fear. A *courageous* spirit. *Spiritless* conduct. A *brave* soldier. A *cowardly* act. A *chivalrous* enterprise. A *chivalrous* spirit. A *craven* spirit. *Craven* fears.

coarse.

rough.
rude.

refined.

gentle.
polished.

EXERCISE.—*Coarse* language is the sign of a vulgar mind. *Refined* taste accompanies delicacy of feeling. Manners are *rough* or *gentle*. A *rough* sailor ; a *gentle* nurse. A *rough* storm ; a *gentle* breeze. *Rude* language is a sign of ignorance ; *polished* language, of education. A *rude* shock. *Rude* behaviour ; *polished* manners. A *polished* style of writing.

accurate.

careful.
exact.
faithful.
precise.

inaccurate.

careless.
incorrect.
faulty.
defective.

EXERCISE.—An *accurate* history is the work of a *careful* historian. A *careless* observer makes *inaccurate* statements. There may be an *exact* copy of an *incorrect* drawing. A narrative may be *precise* as far as it goes, and yet may be *defective* in some particulars. A *faithful* portrait may yet be a *faulty* picture. A *faithful* friend. A *careful* student. A *defective* education.

reject.

refuse.
repudiate.
disclaim.
deny.

admit.

grant.
acknowledge.
avow.
confess.

EXERCISE.—We often *admit* facts while we *reject* the inferences drawn from them. A man may *confess* that he has been careless, but *deny* that he has been fraudulent. He may *acknowledge* the charge of neglect, but *repudiate* the charge of fraud. A prisoner has often *avowed* his guilt after *disclaiming* all knowledge of the crime. We *repudiate* friends whom we do not wish to *acknowledge*. We *confess* our faults. We *refuse* requests which we cannot *grant*. Permission is *refused*, or it is *granted*.