

THE SECOND LONDON EDITION.

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THE rapid sale which the first edition of this book experienced, the whole impression having been sold in ten months, and the high encomiums which have been passed upon it by the most eminent of the Clergy, induces the Editor to offer a second to the patronage of the Catholic public, which he has enlarged, and he trusts, in some measure, improved. The spelling lessons will, on examination, be found better arranged, and some hundred words have been added to those which are similar in sound and different in spelling and sense.

In the second part two chapters are introduced, on the Devotion due to the Blessed Virgin, and to our Guardian-Angel and Patron Saint.

Objections have been made to this work, because it does not contain some grammatical exercises; and also that the spelling lessons are not sufficiently prolix. To the first, the Editor begs to observe, that he never found such exercises to be of any service to children at the age when they use this book; and when they arrive at the proper period to study grammar, it is better for them to have a separate work on the subject, many of which are to be had. To the second it may be observed, that most of the reading lessons in the first part being divided into syllables by hyphens they must be considered as adapted to the purpose of spelling as well as of reading. The Editor's chief aim, in compiling this work, was to implant the seeds of Virtue and true Religion in the minds of the rising generation, at the time of imparting to them knowledge of letters; convinced, as he is, that nothing is so necessary to insure the happiness of mankind, as to train up a child in the way he should go, for when he is old he will not depart from it. If the divine precepts of a Christian life, and the necessary means of fulfilling them, are but firmly rooted in the minds of youth of both sexes, they will not fail to become virtuous ornaments of the Catholic Church, worthy members of society here, and happy citizens of heaven hereafter. The following pages may be found useful in attaining these desirable blessings is the sincere and fervent prayer of

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