

LECTURES IN MODERN LANGUAGES.

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FRENCH.

First Year.

Ollendorff's Grammar, combined with a systematic course of the pronunciation and the regular and irregular verbs. In this year the scholars read the reading-pieces in *Pinney's First Book of French*, because I find them excellent to practise the pronunciation.

Second Year.

Continuation of *Ollendorff's Grammar*. The scholars begin to read and learn by heart the "*Causeries Parisiennes, by Peschier*," a book which I find better adapted for my purpose than any I ever met with. They are supposed to finish *Ollendorff's Grammar* in two years, at latest. If it is finished sooner, I begin my course of Syntax, &c., which is generally reserved for the third year, in the second.

Third Year.

In this year, I go through a regular course of Syntax, partly as a repetition, and partly to supply the wants of *OLLENDORFF's* system. The scholars are then supposed to be familiar with all the leading rules of Syntax from *OLLENDORFF's Grammar*, and, in going through them again, I call their attention to the niceties, dictate rules on them, and cause the class to practise them, by writing exercises after my own dictation, principally consisting of letters and conversations on topics of general interest, &c. In this year I have, moreover, constant verbal exercises in conversation, and the scholars are obliged to speak French as much as possible. They read *Christomathie Francaise, par Boniface*, an excellent book, containing all the varieties of style to be found in French authors.