

GRAMMAR AND ITS DIVISIONS.

§ 6. Language is made up of words.

Grammar tells us about the words that make up a language :—

- i. If we examine a word as we *hear* it, we find that it consists of one or more *sounds*. These sounds are represented to the eye by written signs called *letters*.
- ii. Words may be put into classes, or *classified* according to their distinctive uses. Words sometimes undergo change when combined with other words, or when they have something added to them to form new words.
- iii. Words are combined according to certain laws.

Hence *Grammar* deals with the following subjects :

- (1) Sounds and Letters : (Orthography.)
- (2) Classification, inflexion, and derivation : (Etymology.)
- (3) The relation of words in a sentence, and the relation of sentences to each other : (Syntax.)