

## PREFACE

### TO THE THIRD CANADIAN EDITION.

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The very general favour with which the Second revised edition of this grammar has been received, as indicated by its rapid sale and the numerous expressions of approval from teachers and others, in every part of the country, has encouraged the publisher to spare no expense to render the present edition still more serviceable to teachers, and worthy of public confidence.

The quality of the paper and binding, it will be observed, is very much superior to that in the last edition, and some important alterations and additions have been made; these are not, however, of such a nature that any serious inconvenience will result from introducing this edition into classes in which the last is already in use.

The section on English Composition has been rendered much more practical and complete, by simplifying the rules and exercises on Punctuation, and by adding examination questions on the general principles of Composition and an article on the Elements of Style, and by giving it such a position as will indicate the order in which this branch of the subject should be taken up. The want of time, in preparing the last edition, rendered it necessary to omit the preparation of examination questions on the Syntax; this omission has been supplied in the present edition. These questions and exercise will effect a great saving of time to teachers, and afford valuable assistance in conducting the examination of classes. And lastly, a series of exercises, composed of sentences of common occurrence, exhibiting the most usual faults in the use of language, are presented under *one general rule*, to be examined and corrected before entering on the study and application of the more special principles of Syntax.

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