

## PREFACE.

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The Committee venture to think that the lists of frequently misspelled and mispronounced words will be found to be a very useful part of the book. Pupils in the higher grades might profitably review these lists every few weeks, and by so doing eliminate a large percentage of the mistakes that recur so persistently in their written and oral exercises.

The "Oxford English Dictionary" (as far as completed), Skeat's "Etymological Dictionary of the English Language," and Collins' "Author and Printer," are the authorities that have been followed in cases of disputed spelling, derivation, or abbreviation, except that, in a very few cases of spelling, it was deemed best to follow the general Canadian usage. Thus, the "u" has been omitted from such words as "honor" and "favor," and the one form "license" has been used for both the noun and the verb.

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