

PREFACE.

IN laying before the Teachers of the Province a new work on English Grammar for use in our Public Schools, it may not be out of place to say a few words respecting this particular treatise. For many years Bullions' Grammar has been extensively used in the Schools of the Province, and has met with a great amount of success. It was felt that with certain alterations, which the investigations of other authors into various grammatical constructions, &c., have rendered necessary, it would be the best suited for the purpose of forming the basis of a Text-book for general adoption. Wherever there has been any deviation from the opinions advanced by Bullions, such deviation has not been made without due care and attention being paid to the conflicting opinions of different writers, and without a just balance being struck. In order that there may be as much uniformity as possible in the definitions of the Parts of Speech, &c., in the authorized Latin and English Grammars, the phraseology has been adapted, as far as practicable, to that found in the Latin Grammar. This was thought the preferable plan, for the following reason:—that, when a pupil has thoroughly mastered this Grammar, he may, in this way, be prepared, if necessary, to take up his Latin Grammar, and, finding himself at home with its phraseology, may not be compelled to learn an entirely new set of definitions.

The Editor has deemed it more advisable to let the Analysis extend through the whole of the book, from the point where it could be judiciously introduced, than to confine it to one particular portion of the Grammar. The object sought to be attained is the leading of the pupil, step by step, in order that he may be more interested in this particular branch of Grammar, than, perhaps, he might be, were he to take up Analysis as a separate and distinct portion. The subject has not been treated more fully than it deserves, for a pupil's ability to *read intelligently*, depends not a little upon his being able to *analyze correctly*. Many valuable hints have been gathered, both in this and other parts of the Grammar, from Morell's excellent treatise.