

PREFACE.

The purpose of the present Volume is, in the first place, as an introduction, to continue the conclusions, which we are able to draw from the mode of life, the customs and usages of the Eskimo mentioned in the former Volume, adding one apparently safe inference from their language, concerning their homestead before their dispersion. Then, as the main object follows the Comparative Vocabulary of the Dialects. In the former Part it is tried to give the elements, out of which the words are formed, and the rules for employing this material. In the present Volume a selection of the words themselves is compiled. The arrangement of this Vocabulary will be found explained pp. 23 and 113, in connection with some other editorial remarks. There is especially rendered an account of the division into a General and a Special Part, of which the latter is founded on POWELL'S INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF INDIAN LANGUAGES, the former on ROGET'S THESAURUS OF ENGLISH WORDS AND PHRASES.
