

PREFATORY NOTE.

THIS book has already had a large sale. The first edition was issued less than six months ago and it is now in use as a text book in some of the best colleges and schools in Canada and United States.

The work has been entirely rewritten. Advantage has been taken of the many criticisms of the first edition which have been received. The subject matter has been more than doubled and numerous examples and exercises have been added.

The author desires it to be distinctly understood that this book is not a treatise on composition, *classical* grammar, nor literature, and that it is not intended as a hand-book for students preparing for the learned professions. The work is purely and simply a *Practical English Grammar* and the subject matter and exercises have been prepared to meet the requirements of students who have neither the time nor the inclination to spend years in studying the subject as it is presented in the ordinary school text books.

Use was made of Bain's "Higher English Grammar," White's "Words and their Uses," and Ayres' "Verbalist," in preparing this book.

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