

tion of number or person ; as, " to act, to speak, to be feared."

The Participle is a certain form of the Verb, and derives its name from its participating, not only the properties of a verb, but also those of an adjective ; as, " I am desirous of *knowing* him ;" "*Admired* and *applauded*, he became vain ;" "*having finished* his work, he submitted it," &c.

There are three Participles, the Present or Active, the Perfect or Passive, and the compound Perfect ; as, " loving, loved, having loved."

TENSES.

Tense, being the distinction of time, might seem to admit only of the present, past, and future ; but to mark it more accurately, it is made to consist of six variations, viz. the *present*, the *imperfect*, the *perfect*, the *pluperfect*, and the *first* and *second future tenses*.

The Present Tense represents an action or event, as passing at the time in which it is mentioned ; as, " I rule, I am ruled, I think, I fear."

The Imperfect Tense represent the action or event, either as past and finished, or as remaining unfinished at a certain time past ; as, " I loved her for her modesty and virtue : " " They were travelling post when he met them."

The Perfect Tense not only refers to what is past, but also conveys an allusion to the present time ; as, " I have finished my letter ; " " I have seen the person that was recommended to me."

The Pluperfect Tense represents a thing, not only as past, but also as prior to some other point

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