Now that above one hundred thousand of this Grammar have been printed and sold, I have taken the occasion offered by the recasting of the stereotype plates to make some important alterations and improvements. Many additional hints and elucidations will be found scattered throughout the body of the work, which it is hoped will add materially to its completeness.

The Appendix, on the pronunciation of the various letters, has been altogether omitted, as being practically useless. The right pronunciation of every language must after all depend more upon habit and example than anything else, and hardly requires to be inculcated theoretically.

In place of this, I have appended an entirely new part, on English Ver-ification, or, as it is generally termed, Prosody. This has been reprinted from the Appendix of the ‘Poetical Reading Book,’ jointly compiled by myself and Dr. Inne, late of Liverpool.

As great care was taken to adapt this book to the requirements of teachers using the Grammar, and special marks invented for indicating the correct analysis of the poetical extracts contained in it, I take the present opportunity of recommending it to the attention of all the higher classes of schools in the country. The ‘Poetical Reading Book’ was originally compiled for Mr. Jas. Gordon, of Edinburgh, and is now the property of Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, through whose courtesy I have made the present use of the Appendix.

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