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P R E F A C E.

THIS book, on the *Irregular and Defective Greek Verbs*, is the result of much toilsome labour and anxious thought.

In the course of extensive and rather accurate reading of the Greek Authors, I had been accustomed to mark whatever occurred to me as rare or peculiar in form, quantity, and meaning. This often enabled me to supply authority in cases where none had been previously given, and often to supply even tenses which had been denied to exist.

The chief peculiarities which distinguish this book from others on the same subject are the following :—

First, the history of the verb is more fully developed by being traced to a later period of the language, and the prose usage given commensurately with the poetic. I never could see the propriety of accepting parts and forms peculiar to the Anthology, but rejecting those which occur first in Aristotle, Polybius, Arrian, Dionysius of Halicarnassus, Lucian, etc. This fuller development will be of no slight advantage to the advanced scholar; and I have taken care to prevent its proving injurious to the less advanced—whose attention should be confined chiefly to what is strictly classical—by marking as late those parts and forms which are not found in the purer writers.

Second, I have enlarged considerably the list of verbs, and given authority for every part for which authority could be found, for the present as well as for the derivative tenses.

Third—and what I hold of capital importance—I have always given the parts in the simple form when I could find them, and in no instance have I given a compound without warning, or exhibiting its composition. The giving as simple forms those which the Greeks uniformly employed as compound, is a fault that deeply vitiates every book on the subject, and a fault of perhaps graver import than may on first thoughts be very obvious. It is easy to say that the compound infers the