

PREFACE TO THE NEW REVISED EDITION.

THE following are the leading features which distinguish this Work from other Latin Dictionaries :—

1. It is a *complete* Dictionary of the Latin Language, containing *all* the words occurring in the existing records of the language, from the earliest period to the fall of the Western Empire. It thus presents, beside the words used by the great classical authors, those found in the later writers, such as Ammianus Marcellinus, Macrobius, Appuleius, Petronius, Solinus, and the like; as well as the terms relating to Architecture, Agriculture, Natural History, Medicine, Grammar, and Law, occurring in such writers as Vitruvius, Columella, Pliny, Celsus, Priscian, the Digest, &c.; and the words employed by the chief ecclesiastical authors, such as Tertullian, Cyprian, Lactantius, Augustine, &c.

2. It holds an intermediate position between the Thesaurus of Forcellini and the ordinary school Dictionaries, performing the same service for the Latin language as Liddell and Scott's Lexicon does for the Greek. It therefore avoids those minute subdivisions and numerous quotations which, however useful in a Thesaurus, render a Dictionary less practically useful to students.

3. In the *Exegetical* department, the great object has been to arrange the significations in a simple and consistent method, and to distinguish the various meanings of the same word by separate and clear marks.

4. In the *Grammatical* department, archaic and irregular forms have been specified, and great pains have been taken to explain clearly the syntactical construction of all important words, especially of verbs and conjunctions.

5. The articles on *Natural History and Medicine*, written by the late Professor HENFREY, of King's College, London, supply a want existing in all other Dictionaries. Without a competent knowledge of natural history, the mere scholar can scarcely avoid committing serious errors in the interpretation of the terms relating to this subject; yet this is the only Latin Dictionary in which a systematic attempt has been made to give the modern scientific terms corresponding to the classical words.