



Report of the Joint Committee on Grammatical Nomenclature (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from Report of the Joint Committee on Grammatical Nomenclature Two kinds of grammatical terms are effective. In one, a given term exactly sets forth the nature of that for which it stands. So the term descriptive, as applied to an adjective like good or bad. In the other, the term in itself means little or nothing to the student. Thus noun, adjective, verb, indicative, subjunctive, infinitive. These serve, just as x, y, s, etc., might serve. At present, at any rate, it seems best to let them alone. But there is still a third kind. In this, the terms are intended to be exactly descriptive of that for which they stand, but are not. An example is the name imperfect, now happily superseded, in English grammars, by the name past. Terms of this kind are meant to belong to the first class, but fall short of reaching it. They form a large proportion of our accumulated and conflicting nomenclature. Yet the aim of their makers - exactness of representation - was in every case right. Nothing...



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