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ESAIAS. "They dead men shall live; to get up and stand before the living." Awake, and sing ye that dwell in dust, for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

HOSEA. "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. I will bring them to the pit of the living."

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THE ART OF GRAMMAR. BY A. D. WILLIAMS, D. D., Principal of the Nebraska State Normal School.

The theory of grammar and the art of grammar are distinct and very different things—so distinct that one may have either one of them without the other.

The great mass of our public speakers are at least respectably versed in the principles, the theory of grammar. But very few, indeed, of them actually speak correctly; unless they have previously written their speeches, and delivered them memoriter.

The fact really is that in nearly or quite all cases our habits of speech are formed and fixed before we acquire the theory of grammar. We talk as we do, correctly or incorrectly, because we learned to do so, and not because we have learned the theory of grammar.

If these positions are correct—and who dare even to attempt to gainsay them?—it follows, not only that the art of grammar is separable and distinct from the theory of grammar, but that the art of grammar is acquired first, and that, if bad, no after study of the theory will sufficiently correct it.

These conclusions are confirmed by the fact that the methods used in teaching the theory of grammar have little if any power to develop facility of speech, good or bad.

Speech is an art, and peculiarly an imitative one. It is first by hearing what one hears, and then by imitating what he hears, that the faculty of speech is formed.

It is therefore high time the idea is abandoned, that the study of grammar may be so taught as to produce a correct use of language. This idea is false in principle, is never realized in fact, and is most pernicious in its results.