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My dear Dr. Westcott,
In reference to the
matter of our late con-
sultation, I send you
extracts from the Public
School Grammar &
Primer. The former
book has reached a
5th Edition in 9 years!
The latter has had a
new issue every year
& its total circulation
in 14 years approaches
300,000.

This proves that the term
'Substantivus Verbi' for ΕΙΡΗ

sum is a bygone & exploded
one in England.

In Germany, so far as
I can discover, it is not
less so. I send you
extracts from Madwig's *Gr.*
which is best known in

English schools, from
which you will see that
he calls it 'auxiliary Verb'
(Hilfs-verbum) & so in
Sikner & others. Thiersch

calls it Copula: & I
also call it the chief
'copulative Verb', but
specially 'the Verb of

Being (or Existing), which
I take to be the right
translation of
ἴσθαι ὑπαρκτικόν.

As to the term -

Substantive Verb

by experience as
learner & teacher
pronounced it not
merely 'wrong', but
seriously mischievous.
Otherwise, I quite agree
with you that terms
are mere counters,
& need not be disturbed

Why they have possession
of the ground. Nor
have I meddled
with any of these which
are merely innocuous -
like Perjury, Suppense,
Seditious, Accusative &c
So meaningless as they

are. -
You are free to use that
letter - & I am
with best wishes

Yours sincerely

B. H. Kennedy.