

1878. We are glad to note that a remark or two in our review of the last Report has led to a more accurate method of estimating the salaries of teachers; would that we could light upon some happy expedient to make them larger! The following is a statement of the average salaries in detail:—

	Males.	Females.
In Counties	\$382	\$241
" Cities	743	324
" Towns	564	256

The number of pupils in average attendance to each teacher in the Province is 33; in the counties it is 30; in the cities, 45; and in the towns, 43. The number of teachers holding First Class Provincial Certificates is 239; Second Class, 1,875; Third Class, 3,706. Old County Board Certificates, First Class, 279; Second Class, 104. The latter are gradually decreasing. We are glad to notice another large decrease, of 118, in the number of Intermediate Certificates—the number standing now at 356.

There are several other matters of interest in the Report which we must hold over till next month. In the editorial columns we intended to review the blue-book from the High School standpoint; but this task we are unable for the present month to overtake.

M. TULLII CICERONIS DE FINIBUS BONORUM ET MALORUM, Libri Quinque. D Io. Nicolaus Madvigius, Recensuit et Enarravit. Novi Eboraci: Apud Harpers Fratres, MDCCCLXXXII. Toronto: Willing & Williamson.

HARPERS BROTHERS continue to publish convenient pocket texts of the Greek and Latin Classics. The most recent addition to the series contains Cicero's grave philosophical dialogues on the *True Ends of Life*. Here critics resort for the orator's most finished product in philosophy, while biographers seek here for evidence of Cicero's religious convictions. The present edition reprints the introductions and the textual emendations of Jens Nikolai Madvig, the distinguished Minister of Public Instruction in Denmark, who is better known to all classical students as the author of the Latin Grammar. Though Madvig is, in Danish politics, an ardent Radical, still, by an interesting mental reaction that may be noticed also in Mommsen, Gladstone, and many other literary politicians, he is, on the intellectual side, rather conservative. Madvig is

rather sparing of textual conjectures, except of course where he reaches the 5th Book of the *De Finibus*; for there such extraordinary variations appear in the ancient manuscripts as to suggest that two entirely different editions of this 5th Book emanated from Cicero himself.

C. JULII CÆSARIS COMMENTARII DE BELLO GALLICO, Libri. I.—V., from the text of Schneider, carefully revised, with various readings from the best extant editions, comprising those of Ondendorp, Herzog, Nipperdey, Elberling, Krauer and others, elucidated by notes, critical and explanatory; a Vocabulary of all words in the text; and a Series of Easy Reading Lessons for Beginners, designed as a First Latin Book in Schools, by A. K. Isbister, M.A., LL.B. Twelfth edition. London: Longmans, Green & Co.

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