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LATIN PRONUNCIATION. *

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Not so very many years ago, a teacher of the classics dismissed the subject of Latin pronunciation in this way: "Every modern nation," he told his students, " pronounces Latin as it does its own tongue. Thus there are divers methods of pronunciation. This diversity would be inconvenient if Latin were a general medium of verbal inter-At one time it was so, and then there prevailed one course. recognized manner of pronunciation." Since the time, however, when the matter of Latin pronunciation could be thus summarily disposed of, and students were satisfied to use a system of pronunciation analogous to that used in pronouncing their mother-tongue, things have in some measure changed. Since then Latin scholars have evolved, after a great deal of laborious research and comparison, a system of pronunciation which, according to the best classicists, gives us in a more or less perfect degree, the Latin sounds as they were produced by the ancient Romans in using their own language. This new old method of verbal expression, which is called the Roman or Latin method, has been very generally accepted and is being used in an increasing number of our higher institutions of learning.

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