

Plan of making a part of the text Permanent for examination purposes, either in French or in German. Many classical teachers also object to the change made in the Latin authors; the objection is stronger as applied to a modern language. If the Department intends to increase the proportion of sight work on the author paper, or make it all sight work, it will have the support of many teachers; but we should like to know what the in-

tention is. Our real grievance is with the Department, which leaves us in the dark as to its policy in this matter. And it is the suspicion aroused by the Department's lack of frankness with the teachers that made many believe that there was some collusion between the Department and the authors or publishers of the new French and German Grammars. Many did believe this, though all accept Prof. Fraser's explanation. R.

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