

degree by the pupils of our High Schools. As a general rule, even Arnold's book is by no means mastered; but little, for the most part, is done in it, and that little not well done; whilst the attempt to deal with a translated extract from Cicero, the translation being extremely literal, has proved, with very few exceptions, a failure.

FRENCH.

By far the greater proportion of those pupils who have taken up French are girls. It is gratifying to observe this growing taste amongst our girls for a graceful and elegant language, so peculiarly a woman's study and accomplishment as French is. It is to be hoped that such works as the "History of Charles XII.," and Corneille's tragedy, "Horace," will come to the aid of a high and pure English literature, in fortifying the minds of our young women against the many publications of the day that are calculated to turn the heads of young people, and to destroy the charities and joys of the Christian home. We do not doubt that the French which is acquired at our High Schools by the more advanced pupils will be turned to good account, though we cannot refrain from adding, that it would be none the worse for greater attention to purity of accent.