

decided to formulate a method which would be as free as possible from what I regarded as the evil features of the old system. To carry out this determination, required considerable thought and patience, and oftentimes it seemed as though there were no way over the obstacles which appeared to render the Latin language so difficult to master. I recognized the fact that a large amount of grammar had to be learned somehow, and at first there appeared to be only two ways in which this could be done, viz., by learning to speak the language, or else by learning rules in the usual manner. To learn to speak Latin was out of the question ; to grapple with abstract rules was to return to the old Method.

This question, however, solved itself in time ; for it became evident that there was still another way in which Latin grammar could be learned—and learned without difficulty.

Here, then, was a triumph. One of the main obstacles to acquiring a knowledge of Latin had suddenly been overcome : the foundation of a new Method had been laid.

It is not necessary to trace for the reader the various stages through which this method passed in the course of its development, nor to point out in what manner the evil features of the old system were done away with. Sufficient to say that these difficulties were finally overcome, and the road to learning Latin, in theory at least, was smoothly paved. All that remained was to give the New Method a fair trial, and thus prove by actual experiment what already seemed self-evident.

That the test might be as fair as possible, a person