

180. Artillery was brought up and a heavy fire was kept up on the island; which, however, being densely wooded and over a mile away did not damage the rebels much, and who kept up a fire on the militia, which also was inoperative.

[Of the following longer passages Nos. 181 to 184 may serve as specimens of the long and involved sentences that are frequently given in even by good classical pupils, and that are too often accepted as satisfactory translations. Nos. 185 to 187 are from the newspapers, and No. 188 is a copy of a schoolboy's composition just as given in at the entrance examination.]

181. The ships of the enemy having been seen first from these, the signal was given to Hasdrubal, and the excitement began on land and in the camp sooner than at the sea coast and the ships, the sound of the oars and the other noise of the sailors having not yet been heard, and the headlands concealing the fleet, when suddenly one horseman after another sent by Hasdrubal orders those wandering on the shore and those quiet in the tents, expecting nothing less that day than the enemy or a battle, to go on board the ships hastily and to take up arms; that the Roman fleet was now not far from the harbor.—*Livy*, XXII., 19.
182. These things having been learned, the chiefs of Britain, who, after the battle had taken place, had come together to do those things which Caesar had ordered, having conferred among themselves, when they understood that cavalry and ships and corn were wanting to the Romans, and learned the fewness of the soldiers from the smallness of the camp, which was even smaller on this account, because Caesar had brought over the legions without baggage, thought the best thing to be done was, a rebellion having been made, to cut off our men from corn and supplies, and to prolong the thing into the winter, because, these having been conquered or cut off from a return, they trusted that no one would afterwards pass over to Britain for the purpose of making war.—*Caesar*, B. G., IV., 30.
183. Cicero, who through all the previous days had kept his soldiers in the camp by the orders of Caesar with the greatest diligence, and had not even suffered a servant to go beyond the fortification, on the seventh day, distrusting