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THE PRONUNCIATION OF LATIN.

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We may sum up the researches into the Latin pronunciation in the words of Roby :—" We have here a pronunciation which does not differ from that of Cicero more than the pronunciation of educated men in one part of England would differ from that heard in other parts." We might state the case in other words by saying that now our facilities for learning the true pronunciation of the ancient Latin are equal, at least, to those we have for learning French or German by means of books without a living teacher.

Having thus briefly stated what the Latin pronunciation is, and upon what basis it rests, let us consider the claims it has on our attention, and the main objections to its introduction. In the first place, we may observe that having ascertained the pronunciation of the Latin of the Augustan period, it is natural, reasonable and consistent, that we should employ it in the study of that language. In the acquisition of any foreign language, its sounds are never neglected, though there may be no intention on the part of the learner of making any practical use of them by way of conversation. He feels that he has thus entered a little more into the spirit of the language, though he can but approximately utter the foreign sounds. It ought to be borne in mind, too, that in the study of a foreign tongue, our utterance of it can be only an approximation, for no foreigner