

—IN the public schools of Boston 1,600 scholars are daily provided with hot lunches. The food is prepared at a central kitchen, whence it is distributed by expresses to the various schools. This system is found to be entirely satisfactory. The variety of food is quite large, and the prices very moderate. For 5 cents a choice of dishes is offered, while for 10 cents the sum of all local epicureanism may be reached.

—UNLESS the board of supervisors grants a relief appropriation the public schools of San Francisco will, in all probability, be closed in May. The new school board finds itself handicapped with a deficit of over \$90,000, and it seems that the only way out of the difficulty is to deprive the teachers of a month's salary. This may be done by closing the schools for a month, or by making an agreement with the teachers to work for a month, and take their chances of being paid at the beginning of the next fiscal year from a special proportion.—*The School Journal*.

—THE last Arkansas Legislature appropriated \$10,000 a year for the maintenance of a four weeks' summer normal school in all the seventy-five counties. Sessions have been well attended and have proved stimulating to the teachers of the State.

—THE report of the syndicate appointed by the University of Cambridge to consider the question of granting degrees to women, has been presented to the university authorities. Though the committee are not in favour of admitting women to membership in the university, they recommend that the degree of Bachelor of Arts be conferred by diploma upon women who have passed the final tripos, and that in due course such women may proceed to the degree of Master of Arts. The committee also decides that the university may grant honorary degrees in arts, law, letters, science and music to women who have not complied with the usual conditions but who have been recommended for such degree by the Council of the Senate.

### **Practical Hints and Examination Papers.**

MORALS AND MANNERS.—Questions for younger pupils to answer :

1. What should you say when you meet a friend in the morning? In the afternoon?