

ing, may Dictation serve? And how may these purposes be accomplished?

#### SCHOOL LAW AND REGULATIONS.

1. What are the essential points of an agreement between trustees and teacher?

2. Name the vacations and holidays in Public Schools.

3. Under what conditions may the summer vacation be shortened?

4. For what offences may a pupil be suspended?

5. What business should be transacted at an Annual School Meeting?

6. What should the half-yearly report contain?

7. Describe the General Register.

8. What are the regulations respecting (1) presents to teachers, (2) contagious diseases, (3) punctuality of pupils?

#### MENTAL ARITHMETIC.

1. Quotient 1250, Divisor 12, Remainder 8; find Dividend.

2. MDL + LXI + XIX.

3. *A* can do a work in 2 days, *B* in 3 days. In what time can *A* and *B* do it?

4. Exchanged 11 tons of hay for 15 sheep at \$6 each, and 4 sheep at \$5 each. What was the hay per ton?

5. What number multiplied by 9 = 7236 × 5?

6. Bought cloth at '27 and sold it at '24; what did I lose per cent.?

7.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 100 is  $\frac{1}{3}$  of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of what number?

8. Reduce £3 3s. 3d. to dimes, and divide equally among 23 boys.

9. If  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a herring cost  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a dime, how many herrings will 90 cents buy?

10. Reduce 15 days to minutes.

### HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

#### "INTERMEDIATE" APPEALS.

It has been stated on good authority that no less than five hundred appeals have been made against the results of the late "Intermediate." Nearly 3,500 wrote at the examination, of whom about 1,000 were passed by the Committee; so that no less than one-fifth of those who failed have regarded themselves as the victims of injustice. There must be something wrong here. It is well known that a large number of these appeals have been sustained, many candidates having succeeded in obtaining a higher grade than that awarded at first, and many who were reported as having failed having proved successful. We pointed out some time ago in what respects the mode of conducting the examination is defective, and we prophesied—truly it seems—that there would this year be a plentiful crop of appeals. The conclusion anyone will come to is, that these de-

fects must be remedied, and that more time and care must be spent in reading the papers at the Department Examinations. It is well, of course, that the results should be announced as soon as possible; but there are few who would care to sacrifice for any reason the reliability of the results of an examination which above all others should be such as to command public confidence. Money and reputation have hitherto depended on them, and nothing that can ensure accuracy should be neglected. It is very likely that many who have not appealed would have been successful had they done so. This is the natural result of any such resurrectionary process as the Committee are now engaged in. If the standard has been lowered in considering the appeals, the same measure of leniency should be dealt out to all. It is said that the Minister has instructed the Committee to deal mercifully with the appeals. This, we assert, should not