

(d.) *The elder house* is correct if house means family, but incorrect if house has its usual meaning. If taken in the last way it should be the older house, as elder denotes priority of birth.

(e.) *There are no less than five sons concerned* should be *there are no fewer than five sons concerned* as fewer refers to number and less to quantity, although the use of less in this sentence can be justified.

(f.) *They are the six first lines in Paradise Lost* should be the first six lines if we refer to the first six lines of the poem.

(g.) *Neither he nor we are disengaged* is correct because where two substantives taken separately are of different numbers the verb agrees with the one next it and the plural one is generally placed last.

(h.) *One of the best books that has been written on the subject* should be one of the best books that *have* been written on the subject; a verb must agree in number and person with its subject and the subject *that* is plural, having books for its antecedent.

(i.) *I like it better than any* is incorrect because it may have two meanings, either I like it better than I like any other, or I like it better than any one else likes it.

11. (k) *And since I never dare to write as funny as I can* should be. And since I never dare to write in as funny a strain as I can, adjectives should not be used for adverbs.

(l) *Laying the suspicion on somebody I know not who in the country* should be *laying the suspicion on somebody I know not whom in the country*—transitive verbs and prepositions govern the objective—and *who* is in the nominative.

(m) *Well is him that hath found prudence.* The modern form would be, *well is he that has found prudence* as the subject of a finite verb is put in nominative, and we have *has* instead of *hath* as a verb must agree with its subject in number and person, and that is in the third person, having *he* for its antecedent.

As however this from its form is an old phrase, *hath* is correct as also is *him* being in the dative after the exclamatory adverb.

PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

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ARITHMETIC.

From 2nd to 3rd Class.

1. How often is 9 contained in the difference between 30765423 and 473-24362?

2. By what must 234 be multiplied to give for a product 132678?

3. A person bought 140 horses at \$125 each, and 575 sheep at \$5 per head; find total amount paid for them.

4. How many times is 9 contained in 12 times 1024067?

5. How many lots at \$145 each can be bought for \$14355?

6. From the sum 7806423 and 70865 take the product of 435 and 78.

7. $49306402 \div 654$.