

SCHOOL WORK.

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FOURTH BOOK AND SPELLING.

1. At length the hour of his return came ; he arrived in Germany at the time when Varus was draining it of its resources, and heavily oppressing the people. Hermann concealed his intentions, and sought the favour and friendship of Varus, in which he was perfectly successful. Doubtless he considered it quite fair to meet force with cunning, and to oppose dissimulation with tyranny. Varus, at that time, did exactly the same thing as Napoleon has done in our day. He pressed German troops into his army, and endeavoured to subdue one German people by another. Hermann, with other princes, entered his service without hesitation ; and the former exhibited such an appearance of genuine zeal that he won the confidence of Varus, was made a Roman citizen, and had the dignity of a Roman knight conferred upon him. In secret he was preparing for the destruction of the enemies of his country.

—*Hermann, the Deliverer of Germany.*

- (a) "The hour of his return." Explain.
 (b) What were "his intentions?"
 (c) Explain the expressions "to meet force with cunning," "to oppose dissimulation to tyranny."

(d) "He was made a Roman citizen." Explain.

(e) Who were "the enemies of his country?"

(f) State briefly the results of Hermann's efforts.

2. Tell what you know of the burning of

Moscow, the causes which led to it, and the results which flowed from it.

3. Alone, the fire, when frost winds sear
 The heavy herbage of the ground,
 Gathers his annual harvest here,
 With roaring like the battle sound,
 And trains of smoke that heavenward
 tower,
 And streaming flames that sweep the
 plain,
 Fierce, as if kindled to devour
 Earth, to the well-springs of the main.
 —*The Western Hunter. W. C. Bryant.*

(a) To what does *alone* refer?

(b) Explain the meaning of

 " When frost winds sear
 The heavy herbage of the ground."

(c) "His annual harvest." Whose? Harvest of what?

(d) "Here." Where?

(e) To what does *fiere* refer?

(f) What is meant by "well-springs of the main?"

(g) Give the meaning of this stanza, as far as you can, in your own words.

(h) Tell what you know about the author of this passage.

4. Distinguish between—*sear, sear, and cere; plain and plane; main and mane; seen, scene and seine.*

5. Distinguish between

Tower	the noun	and	Tower	the verb.
Springs	"	"	Springs	"
Winds	"	"	Winds	"
Frost	"	"	Frost	"

DICTATION.

NOTE.—The Presiding Examiner is directed to read divisions A and B three times; the first time in such a way that the candidates may collect the sense; the second, slowly, that they may write down the words; the third, for review. Division C is to be read thrice—once for the second, and once for the third of the above-mentioned purposes.