

56TH EXERCISE.

Write a short account of the following subjects, connected with Roman and Grecian history :

1. Hannibal's Campaign in Italy. 2. The Jugurthine War. 3. The Reign of Augustus Cæsar. 4. Battle of Marathon. 5. Leonidas at the Pass of Thermopylæ. 6. The Thirty Tyrants. 7. Retreat of the Ten Thousand.

IMAGINATIVE EXERCISES.

57TH EXERCISE.

Write an imaginary speech for each of the following occasions :

1. Pupils on Parting with a Teacher. 2. A Graduate on leaving College. 3. Harold at the Battle of Hastings. 4. Bruce at Bannockburn. 5. To a Missionary on his Departure to labor among the Hæthen.

SUBJECTS FOR REASONING.

58TH EXERCISE.

Write a short statement of the arguments in support of the following conclusions, &c. :

1. The Earth is round. 2. The Christian Sabbath a Divine Institution. 3. Our Duty and Interest are inseparable. 4. Falsehood and Deception incompatible with true greatness of character. 5. It is as much the Duty and Interest of every country to provide and endow Institutions for the superior Education of Girls, as for the superior Education of Boys.

THEMES.

A theme is an exercise in which the subject is treated according to a set of Heads methodically arranged. In this respect it differs from an essay, wherein the writer is at liberty to follow his own inclination as to the arrangement of his ideas.

Some systematic arrangement must be observed, but the nature of the Theme should determine what method in any particular case, would be most suitable. The following methods are given as examples :

FIRST METHOD.

1. Definition. 2. Origin and Cause. 3. Antiquity or Novelty. 4. Universality or Locality. 5. Effect. 6. Contrast. 7. Conclusion.