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## INTRODUCTION.

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THE New Grammar School Arithmetic forms with the New Primary Arithmetic a complete course in elementary school mathematics.

Each of the first four chapters of the New Grammar School Arithmetic provides for a half year, beginning with advanced matter, which is followed by a review and an extension of the topics of the preceding grades. Each of the next two chapters (V and VI) contains arithmetic work for a year, which should be supplemented by portions of the algebraic and geometrical material of Chapters VII and VIII. It is recommended that at least a portion of the work in equations of Chapter VII should precede the study of Chapter V.

Among the special features of the New Grammar School Arithmetic are the number and the variety of the problems; the systematic reviews, which cover oral and written drill work even in the fundamental operations; the attention paid to short, direct, business methods of computation; and the spiral handling of the various topics.

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**Additions and Omissions.** — The teacher should freely supplement the work of the text-book when it is found necessary to do so; and the pupils should not be required to continue the work under any topic after they fully understand it, even though they may not have solved all the problems given in connection therewith.

**Oral and Written Work.** — The heading "Written Problems" is merely a general direction, and it should be disregarded by the teacher when the pupils are able to do the work "mentally." The use of the pencil should be required only so far as it may be necessary. It is a pedagogical mistake to insist that the brighter pupils of a class should set down a number of figures that they do not need. As an occasional exercise, the pupils may be directed to give all the work required to solve a problem, and to make a written explanation of each step in the solution; but it should be the teacher's aim to have the majority of the examples done with as great rapidity as is consistent with absolute correctness. It will be found that, as a rule, the quickest workers are the most accurate.

**Conduct of the Recitation.** — It is often advisable, for some purposes, to divide an arithmetic class into two sections, even where the pupils are nearly equal in attainments. The members of one section may work examples from their books while the others write the answers to oral problems given by the teacher, etc.

Where a class is thus taught in two divisions, the members of each should sit in alternate rows, extending from the front of the room to the rear. Seated in this way each pupil is doing a different kind of work from those on the right and the left, and he does not have the temptation of a neighbor's work to lead him to compare answers.

To save time, explanations of new subjects may be given to the whole class; but much of the arithmetic work should be done in "sections," one of which is under the immediate direction of the teacher, while the other is employed in "seat" work. The "seat" work of pupils of the more advanced classes should consist largely of problems solved without assistance. Especial pains have been taken to grade the