

reading lessons of two syllables—7th class, read the Testament—8th class, read the Bible, and are a selection of the best readers.

Elementary instruction, as it respects arithmetic, has been divided into 10 classes. In each of these classes, the pupil learns a single rule of arithmetic, either simple or compound.

“In the new system, writing, in the first instance, is rather employed as a mean of instruction, than an object.—The children learn to read syllables and words, by writing on their slates, before they read them upon the boards in their books; thus they learn to read and to write at the same time; consequently, there is no particular classification in writing.

“The time required to learn reading, writing and arithmetic, by children of a good common capacity, and about eight years of age, need not exceed two years. Some children have finished their studies in a much shorter time.

On the three methods employed in teaching the several branches of Elementary education.

FIRST—DICTATION.

The children are seated upon the forms of the school, and arranged according to the gradation of the eight classes—every class is superintended by a monitor. If the class comprises two forms, the monitor chooses an assistant or inspector to superintend the second form; and if his class is still larger, an additional inspector for every form, (the number of children under the care of a single monitor, ought not to exceed nine or ten.) The signal for beginning the exercises being given by the monitor general, the monitors of the classes dictate the words which the children are to write on their slates. The monitor of the 8th class having to give out the longest word, begins first; the monitor of the 7th class, next, and so down to the 2d. When the monitors have each dictated six words or syllables, they inform the master by turning to him that side of the telegraph (a small board with the number of the class on the side, and the letters EX, (examined) on the other, which presents the number of the class. The master gives a signal to the pupils to