

PUPILS TESTED IN DICTATION.

Some Very Good and Some Very Poor
Averages.

Superintendent Greenwood and Assistant Superintendent McNeill have just completed a special examination of the seventh grade classes of the ward schools on the matter of ready and accurate work in dictation. The same exercise was given in each school. The following paragraph was slowly read; then it was dictated in parts; and 3 per cent was deducted for every mistake in capitals, punctuation, spelling, omission of words, etc.:

"Gentlemen, it is a most extraordinary case. In some respects, it has hardly a precedent anywhere; certainly none in our New England history. This bloody drama exhibited no suddenly excited, ungovernable rage. The actors in it were not surprised by any lionlike temptation springing upon their virtue, and overcoming it before resistance could begin. Nor did they do the deed to glut savage vengeance, or satiate long settled and deadly hate."

The averages made by the seventh grades of the several schools are as follows: Humboldt, 87; Morse, 81; Woodland, 80; Webster, 78; Madison, 74; Longfellow, 73; Bryant, 71; Tathrop, 71; Chace, 71; Whittier, 70; Jeffery, 69; Garfield, 68; Irving, 64; Linwood, 63; Washington, 63; Franklin, 59; Switzer, 59; Benton, 56; Phillips, 47; Lincoln, 44; Douglas, 44; Sumner, 19.