scientific measures of the fundamental abilities in arithmetic involved in simple work with small whole numbers. The results show the efficiency of the school *as a whole*. Detailed instructions for giving the tests and for scoring the papers have been printed in the form of convenient folders to put in the hands of each examiner and scorer in order that the valuation of the results may be rigidly uniform. It is this feature of the tests—the elaborate provision for uniform conditions through instructions, record sheets, answer cards, special methods of computations, etc.—that makes testing on so large a scale a possibility. While it is too soon to announce definite plans, it is probable that exactly the same tests will be printed and given in Germany. Negotiations are also under way with teachers in England, France and Switzerland. The final results, therefore, could easily prove of lasting value, and it is hoped that many teachers in our own country will respond to this invitation.

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THE RECALL OF NONSENSE SYLLABLES AGAIN.

The "Notes on the Recall of Nonsense Syllables," contributed by Dr. Whipple in this JOURNAL, September, 1910, bring to my mind a similar recall in my own experience, but covering a greater lapse of time.

In the fall of the year 1886 it was my painful task to study Latin. My method was that of assimilation rather than the required learning of rules. One day, after having confessed ignorance of a certain rule with reference to the formation of ablatives of monosyllabic nouns of the third declension, I was kept after school hours until I had learned it. Following the rule was a list of exceptions which were to me the equivalent of nonsense syllables. Twenty-three years later, no reference having been made to that rule in the meantime, I took up the study of German. An early rule to be learned included a list of prepositions. Upon repeating this list, there immediately entered my mind the exceptions to my old rule in Latin: *nex, pax, pix, cor, cos, ros, sal, sol, lux*. I must confess, however, that the wording of the rule to which these are the exceptions is past recall.

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