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mathematical Association of Japan for Secondary Education was inaugurated in the capital in 1919, which has since been rendering great services for the development of mathematical teaching in the Empire.

By virtue of the Higher School Law enacted in 1918, and the revised regulations relative to the enforcement of the Middle School Law and the administration of Normal Schools promulgated in 1931, considerable changes have been made in the program of mathematical teaching in the respective schools in accordance with the spirit of the reformist movement with the result that the mathematical teaching in the country has come into line with the general tendencies in the world.

An epoch-making adventure was initiated by the Japanese educational authorities last year in revising the state text-books for arithmetical teaching in Elementary Schools.

## 2. EXISTING SCHOOL SYSTEM IN JAPAN.

In order to facilitate the reader's understanding of the conditions of mathematical teaching in various sorts of schools in Japan, a table of Japanese School System will be given.

The establishment in 1929 of Bunrika Daigaku (Universities of Literature and Science) in Tokyo and Hiroshima, capital of Hiroshima Prefecture, is also a recent educational installation in Japan, while the latest event was witnessed last year when the Law governing the establishment of Youths' School (Training Schools for Young Men and Women) was promulgated.

The Higher School course extends over seven years, of which the ordinary course is set for four years and the higher course for three years.

The Middle School course extends over five years, and those who have finished the fourth-year course are permitted to apply for admission to the higher course of the Higher School.

A school-calendar illustrating the outline of the school system in Japan is shown on the previous page.

## 3. MATHEMATICAL TEACHING IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

The subject for mathematical teaching in the elementary school is arithmetic.

Lesson-hours per week for arithmetical teaching in the elementary school are at present fixed as follows, one lesson-hour lasting for 45 minutes.