

These guide maps are based on several principles, among which are these: (1) The coastlines show the chief indentations and projections which affect the climate of large regions. (2) The rivers on the maps show where the principal slopes of the river basins meet. (3) The mountain ranges are those which form the chief divides between the large river basins. *Frye's Teachers' Geography Manual*. Ginn & Co.

HAND BELLS.—Hand bells in this glorious year of 1898! I fear, alas, that they have not all found a resting place in some secluded corner. Show me a teacher who uses a bell and I will tell you the spirit of her discipline. It is harsh and cold, the "demanding order" kind which in reality is no discipline at all.

On going into a room not long ago at the noon intermission, the teacher was found at her desk vainly trying to do some work amid the constant noise of unrestrained voices. At frequent intervals she would give not a gentle tap on the bell. The talking would cease about as long as the vibrations of the bell lasted, then would become louder than before. Growing discouraged in trying to relate to me some incident of the morning, with a scowl upon her face and fire in her eye, she rang the bell three or four times with a vim, and the children were sent out doors to stay until they could come in and be "quiet."

Was there anything in the clang of that bell to inspire quiet? Do you think that those children had been kindly and earnestly advised about being quiet when in the room and of the reasons for their being so?

Every teacher should have advanced with the times sufficiently to have relegated her bell to some dark corner in her cupboard. There is something radically wrong if at any time the noise in a room becomes so loud as to make an ordinary voice unheard. A teacher's gentle, earnest "A little more quiet, please", will prove much more effective, quieting and restful than the jarring sounds of a bell.—*School Education*.

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