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MISTAKES IN SCHOOL MANAGEMENT,

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The following article, coming to us as a modest endorsement by a practical teacher of the valuable advice to teachers in Hughes's Mistakes in Teaching, should be read by every teacher. There is in it a compendium of applied pedagogy, which if followed up would work a reformation even in the best conducted of our schools.

The first step towards progress in any department of work, says Mr. Holiday, is to learn to avoid the mistakes one is liable to make. Young teachers should know the rocks which lie in their course before they begin to teach. Experience will then show how to avoid them.

It is a mistake to neglect the details of school management. What are regarded by many as "minor points," as unworthy of attention, form distinction between a well managed and a poorly conducted school. Among the minor matters to which it is of vital importance to attend are the following:—

1. Drawing the pupils up in line at the close of each recess

and marching them in regular order to their rooms.

This should be done in uniform manner, without haste, without pushing, or any disorder.

2. Pupils should be taught to stand and walk, head erect, shoulders well back, hands at the sides, and eyes to the front.