

GENERAL INSTRUCTION consists of all those general Rules, Principles, and Illustrations which can be imparted to the whole class at once, by the aid of the Blackboard, as effectually as to an individual. Herein lies the great power of the teacher to instruct large numbers; for all the general features of the lesson can be imparted by this means to a wholeschool as effectually as to a dozen. This advantage can only be obtained when the whole class write the same copy at the same time. Hence the great importance of the plan. To give this instruction forcibly will require a little previous practice in writing with chalk upon the Blackboard. There is a knack in blackboard writing which any intelligent person sufficiently desirous may readily acquire. The writer should be careful to stand directly in front of his work, and to keep pace with it by moving his body as rapidly as the line progresses. Let him be careful to keep his right shoulder directly opposite the crayon in its contact with the board. Let the crayon be held firmly in the hand, and the marks be positive, decided and smooth. It is usually necessary to re-touch the shaded parts of the line; and any deficiencies in form may be remedied by after-touching. Those who have charge of the writing classes will find the ability to write well upon the blackboard of the greatest possible aid in producing good results.