

Let the children of the second grade copy letters, to become accustomed to the letter-forms. In the third grade require written exercises in the form of letters. In the fourth grade and beyond have constant practice in letter-writing.

"Do you think it of much use to visit schools? And would you advise an experienced teacher to visit?—ADULT."

It is of much use to a wise and progressive teacher. Yes, an experienced teacher should visit. Her experience should have taught her humility among other things, and, further, have enabled her to see the good wherever it exists—a power that does not often reside with inexperienced teachers. Yes, visit with interest to profit.

"What kind of general exercises can I introduce on Friday afternoon which will be interesting to pupils whose ages vary from five to fourteen?—SAME."

Singing, gymnastics, and declamations will interest them all. Object lessons can easily be adapted to the different classes. Let the younger pupils have some interesting busy work reserved for such occasions, and try spelling matches, geography reviews, or picture lessons for the older division. Read aloud now and then. Make time for that.

SOME GENERAL QUERIES: *What is the origin of the term John Bull?* This national nickname was derived from the name of Dr. John Bull, a famous musical composer in the time of Queen Elizabeth. Travelling *incognito* in Europe, he accomplished a wonderful feat of rapid composition, which led to the remark that the author must either be the devil or John Bull. The term was unknown previous to that event.

What is the Talmud? It is the first five books (Pentateuch) of the Bible, to which the ancient priests added much oral law, legal provisions and traditions. It is essentially the Bible of the Jewish people.

What poet has been honoured by American school teachers? Edgar Allan Poe. His remains, after his death, were deposited in Westminster Churchyard, Baltimore, where they rested for twenty-six years with nothing to mark the place of burial. The teachers of Baltimore in 1875, whose recitations had so often been enlivened by the erratic poet, at last resolved to do him an honour by erecting a monument over his grave.

Books Received and Reviewed.

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The *Northwest Journal of Education*, published in Seattle, Washington Territory, is a well-edited periodical, and gives one an idea of the great progress which is being made in education in the West. We shall be glad to place it on our exchange list. The *Phrenological*