

*Aims in punishment.*

215. The teacher should aim at such discipline in his school as would be exercised by a kind and judicious parent over his children. He must not punish simply as a means of balancing the scales of justice, or with the aim of inflicting a certain amount of pain as a sort of equivalent for violation of law. Punishment in the school, as in the family, should be remedial and reformatory, rather than retributive. Its design should be, not to pay off the transgressor, but to correct and restore him to the right way.

By thus keeping in view the end to be attained, the teacher will be led to study the peculiar disposition of each pupil, and to mark the effects of the discipline to which he subjects him. The skillful physician aims to cure disease with the least possible amount of suffering and inconvenience. With this end in view, he studies his patient's constitution, and carefully observes the effect of his medicines and regimen. If he observes good results, he pursues his treatment; but if otherwise, he changes it for something else. The