

pupil through this means, before dismissing him from the school as an incorrigible and hopeless delinquent.

220. The rod should be a last remedy, The rod a last remedy. to be resorted to after other measures have failed. It is a ready means of disposing of a case, and hence, where it is used, there is a tendency to adopt it when milder measures, though perhaps involving more trouble, would be equally if not more effective. Precautions are wise. The teacher who resorts to this form of punishment should keep a suitable rod or strap, lest, in an extremity, he use some unreasonable instrument. He should by no means carry the rod about in his hand, as if he were seeking an occasion to exercise his prerogative. Nor should he keep it in a place too accessible, but laid away in the bottom of the most remote drawer.

The teacher should flog only after due deliberation and full explanation of the offence to the pupil. In no case should it be "a word and a blow, with the blow first." Even the appearance of anger and