



## CHAPTER IV.

### MISTAKES IN MANNER.

**It is a mistake to scold.** To do so merely irritates a class at first, and excites their ridicule and contempt afterwards. No person tells the exact truth when he scolds; and it is a bad thing for a teacher to get credit for making unjust accusations, or saying what he does not really mean.

**It is a mistake to threaten.** Penalties should be learned practically. If a teacher makes threats that a certain punishment shall follow the doing of certain things, he robs himself of one of his highest prerogatives: the power of adjusting punishment to the peculiar circumstances of each individual case. The very making of a threat erects a barrier between the teacher and his class which prevents sympathy