

1. What rules are to be observed in writing business letters?

2. How are letters of request to be written?

3. What is understood by a letter of condolence, and what should be its character?

4. What bearing should one take in writing a letter of apology or excuse?

5. Is it permissible to ask those to whom we write to pay our respects to others?

The second paper to which we refer is one on "Manners." One half-hour is allowed for the answering of this also. The questions are :

1. When the person presiding at table asks, before serving you, what you will have, what should you reply?

2. If something has been forgotten in the laying of the table, is it polite for the guests to notice it?

3. What rules are to be observed in the matter of wedding presents?

4. Is it polite, while receiving a visitor, to reprimand a stupid servant?

5. When and how ought you to excuse yourself?

These questions are not given here as furnishing models to be reproduced absolutely, but simply to draw attention to the fact that there are many of these little things which though intrinsically unimportant, yet by reason of their power of indicating a person's good breeding, or lack of it, are so important that they should not be overlooked in the more intellectual education of the child.

—GOOD LITERATURE IN THE SCHOOL-ROOM.—Every thoughtful teacher looks with anxiety upon the worthless literature which she knows will fall into the hands of the boys and girls whose education has partially devolved upon her. How can she prevent their reading of it?

After careful observation the writer has concluded that talking and urging the pupils not to read the pernicious stuff is of little avail. Frequently their attention is called to these books by the very warning which they receive against them; just as the sale of *Robert Elsmere* was increased by the raid made upon it from the pulpit. The best, and, I am inclined to think, the only way to hinder the reading of poor literature is to cultivate the taste for the good.

To this end, the teacher should, during a school year, bring into her work the careful reading of at least two