

THE learning and making of figures may be made the beginning of a great variety of written work. First, all the signs may be taught. We will suppose that the class is at the board; the teacher stands so that each pupil can see her and the objects she handles.

Teacher.—Please write what you see. The teacher shows 4 blocks and 2 blocks, and then unites them in one group. The pupils write, 4 and 2 are 6. The teacher shows 3 blocks and 3 blocks, uniting them after showing them separately. Pupils write 3 and 3 are 6.

Teacher—I know of a shorter way of writing *and*. The teacher erases *and* and writes + in its place.

Teacher—Now read it (shows 4 blocks and 5 blocks). Write this—and write *and* in the new way. Pupils write 4 + 5 are 9. In the same way *are* may be erased and = introduced. The purpose of these and the following exercises should not be mistaken; figures, signs, and arithmetical idioms (sentences) are to be associated with their corresponding ideas and thoughts so that the written languages of arithmetic may at sight bring the right thought into consciousness. That this is not generally the case, any teacher may ascertain by a few tests.

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WATERLOO COUNTY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

At the semi-annual meeting of the above Association, held in Berlin on the 10th and 11th September, the following was adopted:

"In view of the fact that the frequent change of teachers is caused by the insufficient financial remuneration, and is detrimental to educational interests we beg leave to make the following suggestions:—

"1. That all candidates presenting themselves for the Professional Third Class Examination be required to pay a fee of twenty-five dollars, said money to be disposed of by the Education Department in the interests of education.

"2. That the Minister of Education refund all moneys with interest at six per cent. (6%) paid by teachers into the Superannuation Fund, provided they have withdrawn or wish to withdraw their payments.

"3. That a committee be appointed annually whose duties shall be to investigate charges preferred against any teacher who attempts to oust a fellow-teacher by any means whatever, and should such preferred charges in the judgment of the investigating committee be proven, then it shall be the duty of the said committee to report to the Association the offender and the offence.

"4. That a teacher on resigning his position in a school shall immediately notify the aforesaid committee of the fact, that they may be in a position to assist intending applicants as to the probable salary, etc."

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