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Wer Jemandt hie Der gern welt lernen Dütlich schriben vnd läsen
uß dem aller kürtsilten grundt Den Jeman erdentken kan Do durch
ein Jeder der vor nit ein büchstaben kan Der mag kürtlich vnd bald
begriffen ein grundt do durch er mag von jm selbs lernen sin schuld
uff schribē vnd läsen vnd wer es nit gelernen kan so ungeschickt
were Den will ich vñ nit vnd vergeben gelet haben vnd ganz nū
von jm zu lon nemen er sig wer er well burger oder hantwercks ge
sellen frouwen vnd junckfrouwen wer sin bedarff der kunn har in der
wirt drüwlich gelet vñ ein zimlichen lon. Aber die junge knabē
vnd meistiu noch den frouwalten wie gewonheit ist. 1516



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EDITOR'S NOTE

The cover illustration reconstructs a school sign designed in 1519 by Hans Holbein. The advertisement read:

“He who wishes to learn to read and write German by the quickest method, and who does not know a single letter, is informed here he will be able to learn all that he needs to know of writing and reading. And if anyone is so foolish that he does not manage to learn it, I shall have taught him *gratis* and for nothing and he shall not owe me anything. Whoever you may be, burgesses, artisans, labourers, women or girls, and whatever your needs, he who comes here will be faithfully instructed for a reasonable fee. On the other hand, children, little boys and little girls, will pay every term as is customary.”

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