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Wer Jemandt hie Der gern welt lernen Dütſch ſchriben vnd läſen  
uß dem aller kürztſten grundt Den Jeman erdentken kan Do durch  
ein jeder der vor nit ein büchſtaben kan Der mag kürztlich 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 lig wer er welt burger oder hantwercks ge  
ſellen frouwen vnd junckfrouwen wer ſin bedarff der kün̄ har in der  
wirt drüwlich gelet vñ ein zimlichen lon. Aber die jungē knabē  
vnd meitlin noch den frouwalten wie gewonheit iſt. 1516.



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#### EDITOR'S NOTE

The cover illustration reconstructs a school sign designed in 1516 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.”

The Basel Museum kindly provided the *Quarterly* with reproductions of the sign-painting in their possession and Vintage Books granted us permission to cite the translation from Phillippe Ariès, *Centuries of Childhood*.

P.H.M.