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A WORD TO THE TEACHER

THE Kendall First Reader continues the story begun in the Primer by relating the further adventures of Bob and Betty, John and Jean. Bob and Betty however have moved to Boston; so we see little of them and much of John and Jean.

John and Jean are a little older than before. They, as well as the children who study about them, are now able to read stories, and the literature of the book comes through them to the little reader. There is an added pleasure in reading a story which Jean has told, or in memorizing a poem which she and John learned in school.

The First Reader divides into four parts in accordance with the four seasons. We see the children in autumn, then in winter, then in the spring, and last of all in the summer — thus rounding out a full year of activity which parallels a year of school.

Midway through the book a letter comes from Bob. In it he says that he and Betty are to spend Christmas with John and Jean. We see them traveling in the

train. The frontispiece pictures the friendly meeting. Then come good times in the snow, and a Christmas frolic in which fathers, mothers, and children join. So we have the First Reader closely linked to the Primer, and the child in passing from one book to another will rejoice to meet again the familiar faces of his little Primer friends.

As has been intimated above, the literature of the book is part of the fabric of the story. Poems, folk lore, and fables are so woven into the tale that many standard literary classics of the six year old are made an integral part of the experiences of John and Jean.

This Reader, which follows the Kendall Primer, should be used during the last half of the first school year or in rare cases at the beginning of the second.

Detailed helps in the presentation of the book, and the necessary phonetic material, may be found in the Manual "Teaching How to Read," which accompanies the Primer and early readers of the Kendall series.

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BOB AND BETTY VISIT JOHN AND JEAN