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A NOTE ON THE SINISTRALITY OF CHILDREN

Prompted by the work of P. B. Ballard¹ with left-handed children, the following observations were made on three naturally left-handed boys, eight years of age, who had been taught to write with the right hand.

Following Mr. Ballard's methods, six eye-tests and eight foot-tests were made, showing the boys to be left-eyed and left-footed respectively. No tendency to stammer was observed.

When not observed, these boys drew with the left hand, with better results than when using the right hand. When the objects to be drawn were not symmetrical, there was a reversal, that is, the left side of the object was drawn on the right side and the right side on the left. They also wrote spontaneously in the mirror, seemingly showing that the left hand had been trained at the same time as the right.

Again, using four tests with a class of fifty-eight boys, twelve proved to be right-footed, eighteen left-footed, the others using either foot indifferently. All proved to be right-eyed, except the three dextrosinistrals (left-handed persons taught to write with the right hand) and two other boys, one of whom wrote well with the left hand.

Full details of this work were published in the March number, 1913, of the *Bohemian Pedagogical Review* (*Pedagogické Rozhledy*).

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¹ Ballard, P. B. Sinistrality and Speech. *Jour. of Exper. Ped.*, vol. I, 1912, pp. 298-310.