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wonderful as to be impossible to indicate how
for elementary metric geometric reasoning
correlatively, and whether or not, in rendering
the reasoning sound (without which it must be
positively meaningless), it would not
necessarily become far too difficult for the
average boy. There is a way in which,
by easy exercises, geometry greatly profiting
by the help of algebra, and, from the point of
view of the teacher, the whole thing would
be so. But, suppose such a revelation to
the methods of presentation and of instruction
as would be practicable only in a country
where teachers were keenly interested
and had more leisure and stimulus to study
than they have here. In addition to
that, the very best, but much needed
subject of the numerals where else for
another discipline of the logical pow-

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