

In case any such Articled Clerk while at Toronto for the purpose of attending the sittings of such Courts, or either of them, in compliance with the requirements of the said Act, be, from sickness or other unavoidable impediment, prevented from being or remaining in attendance in Court for the whole or any part of the Term, that such Court or Courts may be sitting on any day in either of such Terms, said Articled Clerk shall, nevertheless, be allowed such day or days attendance, as within the meaning of the said Act, upon his satisfying the Clerks of the Crown and Pleas of the said two Courts by certificate from his Medical Attendant or otherwise to their satisfaction that such sickness or other unavoidable impediment was the sole cause of such absence; and upon such Articled Clerk leaving with the Secretary of this Society a certificate thereof under the hands of such Clerks of the Crown and Pleas at the same time that he leaves his petition for certificate of fitness and other papers, as hereinafter prescribed.

All applications for Certificates of Fitness for Admission as Attorney or Solicitor under the said Act shall be by petition in writing, addressed to the Benchers of the Society in Convocation, and every such petition, together with the documents required by, and the fees payable to this Society under the said Act, or under the Rules of the said Courts, or those of this Society, shall be left with the Secretary of the Society at Osgoode Hall, on or before the third Saturday next before the Term in which such petition is to be presented, and the Sub Treasurer's receipt for such fees shall be a sufficient authority to the "Examiners for Call" to examine the Applicant by written or printed questions.

In the case of persons who entered into contracts of service prior to the 1st July, 1858, if, by reason of the expiration of the period of such service in Term time, any such person cannot comply with the requisites of the last section on or before the third Saturday therein mentioned, or before the day appointed for examination in writing before the Examiners in the vacation next after such Saturday, but the period will arrive previous to the last Thursday in the then next ensuing Term, such person may in lieu of his articles or contract of service deposit his affidavit, stating the date of his articles, the day when his service thereunder will expire, and when the same were filed, and upon complying in other respects with the terms of the foregoing section, may be examined by the Examiner on such examination day, and the Benchers in Convocation upon being satisfied on the first day of Term of the foregoing facts, and that all other requisites of the Statute and of the Rules of the Society entitling the party to oral examination have been complied with, may proceed to the examination of the applicant notwithstanding the non-completion of his service under articles; but no Certificate of Fitness shall be issued until the expiration of such period of service, nor until all and every the other requirements of the Statute, and of the Rules of the Courts and of the Society, have been complied with.

Every Candidate for a Certificate of Fitness for admission as an Attorney or Solicitor under the said Act, shall, with his petition for such Certificate, leave with the Secretary of the Society at Osgoode Hall, answers to the several questions set forth in the Schedule to this rule annexed marked "B.," signed by the Attorney or Solicitor with whom such Articled Clerk has served his clerkship, together with the certificate in the said last-mentioned Schedule also contained.

In case any such Candidate at the time of leaving his petition for Certificate of Fitness and papers, with the Secretary of this Society as hereinbefore provided, proves to the satisfaction of the said Secretary, that it has not been in his power to procure the answers to the questions contained in the same Schedule "B.," from the Attorney or Solicitor with whom he may have served any part of the time under his articles, or from the agent of such Attorney, or the Certificate of Service therein also contained, the said Secretary shall state such circumstances specially in his report to Convocation on such Articled Clerk's petition, and thereupon the Benchers in Convocation may dispense with the production of such last mentioned answers and Certificates, or any of them, as they may think fit and reasonable.

*Examination for Certificates of Fitness.*—Candidates for Certificates of Fitness shall be examined in writing, and orally in like manner as Candidates for Call "simply," according to the rules of the Society in that behalf, and in the following books and subjects, that is to say: Blackstone's Commentaries, 1st volume; Smith's Mercantile Law; Williams on Real Property; Story's Equity Jurisprudence; The Statute Law; the Pleadings and Practice of the Courts, or in such other books and subjects as the Benchers in Convocation (or as the Examiners, with the assent of the Benchers in Convocation) may from time to time for that purpose prescribe and appoint.

Candidates for Certificates of Fitness for Admission as Attorneys or Solicitors shall attend at Osgoode Hall on the last Wednesday of the vacation previous to the Term in which their petitions are to be presented, and shall receive from the Examiner of the Society copies

of the questions to be answered by them in writing, and shall then and there, under the supervision of such Examiner, frame answers to such questions, and deliver such answers in writing to him for the Benchers in Convocation.

The attendance of such Candidates for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing section of this rule shall be at 10 o'clock, A.M., and the answers shall be delivered to the Examiner by 3 o'clock P.M., of the same day.

The Secretary shall report upon the petition of every Candidate for Certificate of Fitness for Admission as Attorney or Solicitor, and such report, together with the petitions and documents to which they refer, shall be laid on the table of Convocation on the first day of Term,—he shall also make a Supplementary Report upon the articles of clerkship when received by him, of applicants whose term of service expires during the Term.

The oral examination of Candidates for Certificates of fitness shall take place on the first day of Term.

The Examination of Candidates for Certificates of Fitness for Admission as Attorneys or Solicitors, shall not be entered upon the first day of any Term until the Examination of all Candidates for Call to the Bar on the order of the day for that day be first disposed of.

### III. Papers on Practical Education.

#### 1. GEOGRAPHY: HOW SHOULD IT BE TAUGHT.

Not, we reply, wholly from books; nor should books be ignored. But preliminary to the study of Geography, as much as comes within the pupil's observation of the topography of the earth should be taught. For example, we are in a country village, and occupied five hours a day with a class of little children; one has come, this pleasant morning down Summer's Hill; another has crossed the causeway by White's Mill; a third has gathered dandelion blossoms from the bank between the road and the Lake near the village, and so on.

The time arrives which we devote to a familiar talk with the pupils upon common things,—things which they may have seen; perhaps our subject is the hill they have come down; the attention is directed to other hills, the imagination to mountains, whose tops can only be reached by a ride of a long half day; and to some that are even higher than this, whose heads are away above the clouds; to mountains that have openings at their tops, where fire and smoke are continually sent forth; we show them a picture of such a mountain, or draw it upon the board, and give its general name.

At a subsequent lesson, the school-yard is our topic; assisted by the children, represent the yard upon the board, with the road, and the adjoining common, or whatever else we see.

We talk at another time of the lake, of its beautiful lilies, of the fish, of the boats, or of whatever of interest suggests itself, of the islands, the sandy beach, the headlands, the little bays. The lake is just a mile long, and half a mile wide; we impress these distances with others upon the mind, and fix the idea of direction. We talk also of the little brooks that run down the neighboring hills and crook about through the long, smooth, and narrow valleys that slope gradually down to its sides—of the scours whence they spring, of their swollen condition after the heavy rains. We trace the outlet of the lake to the great ocean into which its waters empty. Some of the pupils have seen the ocean; we let them give their own ideas of its appearance,—let them tell of the ships, of the beach, of the birds of the fish; we try to enlarge their ideas of its vastness; we talk with them of the monster whale, of the sea turtle, the walrus, of the mountains and fields of ice.

After these, come many more things to be considered; animals of every kind, birds and creeping things; plants, trees and fruits; heat and cold, winter and summer; water and ice; clouds and vapour, snow and rain; rocks and soils, and some of the thousand relations and uses of all these.

And then, at what age we cannot say, will come the study of Geography;—for all this is not Geography any more than a familiar conversation upon the various parts of a house, the windows, the doors, the sills, etc., is architecture.

Some careful teachers, after teaching thoroughly the geography of the village, the town, or the city, advance to the neighboring town, thence to the county, thence to the state, and so on;—enlarging their range till the earth is at last embraced. To this plan we decidedly object. The child can no more have an adequate idea of a country or a state than of the whole earth, unless the section comes within the power of his observation,—if he depends upon the representation, he may as well have a representation of the whole as of a part.

The systematic study of Geography should be begun with the globe. If you have not, any globular body may be shown to the pupils, an apple, an orange, or a ball of wood. Its properties