

language may not be in the power of all of us, but simplicity and straightforwardness are.

Write much as you would speak; speak as you think. If with your inferior, speak no coarser than usual; if your superior, speak no finer. Be what you say, and within the rules of prudence, say what you are. Avoid all oddity of expression. No one ever was a gainer by singularity of words, or of pronunciation. The truly wise man will so speak that no one will observe how he speaks. A man may show great knowledge of chemistry by carrying about bladders of strange gases to breathe, but he will enjoy better health, and find more time for business, who lives on common air.

When I hear a person use a queer expression, or pronounce a name in reading differently from his neighbor, the habit always goes down, minus sign before it; it stands on the side of deficit, not of credit. Avoid, likewise, all slang words. There is no greater nuisance in society than a talker of slang. It is only fit (when innocent, which it seldom is,) for raw school boys and one term freshmen to astonish their sisters with. Talk as sensible men talk; use the easiest words in their commonest meaning. Let the sense conveyed, not the vehicle in which it is conveyed, be your subject of attention.

Once more; avoid in conversation all singularity of accuracy. One of the bores of society is the bore who is always setting you right; who, when you report from the paper that 10,000 men fell in some battle, tells you that it was 9,999; who when you describe your walk as two miles out and back, assures you that it lacked half a furlong of it. Truth does not consist in minute accuracy of detail, but in conveying a right impression; and there are vague ways of speaking that are truer than strict fact would be. When the Psalmist said "Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because men keep not thy law," he did not state the fact, but he stated a truth deeper than fact, and also truer.—*New-York Teacher.*

OFFICIAL NOTICES.



APPOINTMENTS.

EDUCATION OFFICE.

His Excellency the Governor General in Council was pleased, on the 6th March and 15th November last, to approve of the following appointments:

André Napoléon Montpetit, Esquire, Advocate, to be French Corresponding Clerk, Assistant Editor of *Le Journal de l'Instruction Publique*, and Librarian.

Mr. Pierre Chauveau to be Assistant Clerk of Accounts and Statistics.

SCHOOL INSPECTORS.

His Excellency the Governor General in Council has been pleased to make the following appointments:

Bolton McGrath, Principal of Aylmer Academy, William Jessie Alexander, Principal of Roxton Academy, and Michael Stenson, Teacher, Esquires, to be Inspectors of Schools.

Mr. McGrath will have charge of the Protestant Schools of the Counties of Ottawa and Pontiac, in place of William Hamilton, Esquire, resigned. Mr. Alexander, who succeeds to Dr. Bourgeois, resigned, will have charge of the Schools of the Counties of Drummond and Arthabaska, the Protestant Schools of Chester, Tingwick, Kingsry, and Darham, excepted;—and he will also have charge of the Schools of the township of Bagot, in the County of Bagot, and of the Catholic Schools of the County of Shefford.

Mr. Stenson will have charge of the Catholic Schools of the Counties of Richmond, Wolfe, Compton and Stanstead; also of the Catholic Schools of the electoral Town of Sherbrooke.

EXAMINERS.

His Excellency the Governor General in Council was pleased, on the 14th March last, to appoint Rev. William Bennett Bond, M. A., and Rev.

John Jenkins, D. D., members of the Board of Protestant Examiners of Montreal, in the room and stead of the Rev. William Snodgrass, absent, and Rev. Dr. Flanagan, deceased.

SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

His Excellency the Governor General in Council was pleased, on the 14th ult., to approve of the following appointments of School Commissioners:

County of Champlain.—Batiscan: Flavien St. Mars.

County of Ottawa.—Hartwell: Octave Lamarche.

Same County.—Ste. Angélique: Amable Filiatrault.

County of Iberville.—Town of Iberville: F. X. Mongran.

County of Terrebonne.—Ste. Adèle: Messrs. Jules Meilleur, J. B. Legault and Pierre Lacasse, *fls.*

His Excellency the Governor General in Council was pleased, on the 7th instant, to make the following appointment of a School Commissioner.

County of Laval.—Le Bas du Bord de l'Eau de St. Martin: Mr. Antoine Terrien.

TRUSTEES OF DISSIDENT SCHOOLS.

His Excellency the Governor General in Council was pleased, on the 23rd March last, to make the following appointments of Dissident School Trustees:

County of Shefford.—Shefford: Messrs. Edouard Perras and Ludger Côté.

His Excellency the Governor General in Council was pleased, on the 7th inst., to approve of the following appointment of a Dissident School Trustee:

County of Shefford.—Milton: Mr. Sewell Samuel Kent.

ERECTIONS, &c., OF SCHOOL MUNICIPALITIES.

His Excellency the Governor General in Council was pleased, on the 7th instant, to direct,

That that portion of the newly constituted Parish of St. Sébastien heretofore comprised within the School Municipality of Clarenceville, shall remain annexed to Clarenceville until the 1st of July next (1865); and that the portion which belonged to the Parish of St. George of Henryville shall remain annexed to the last mentioned parish as School Municipality until the 1st July next, and that the said parish of St. Sébastien as civilly erected shall, from that date, form a School Municipality.

DIPLOMAS GRANTED BY MCGILL NORMAL SCHOOL.

Mr. Francis Hicks, B. A., received a diploma for Academics from the McGill Normal School.

March 29, 1865.

DIPLOMAS GRANTED BY BOARDS OF EXAMINERS.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF THREE RIVERS.

1st Class Academy (F. & F.)—Miss Léonie Hébert.

1st Class Model School (E. & F.)—Misses M. S. Elia Blanchette and Nathalie Goudreau.

1st Class Elementary (F.)—Misses Lumina Bussières, Eugénie Eloise Daplessis, Marie Elise Larose, M. Hedwidge Pratte.

2nd Class Elementary (F.)—Misses Lumina Constantineau, Elmiro Duquay, Sophie Fafard, Rose de Lima Godin, Rosane Gantel and Henriette Maréchal.

SHERBROOKE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

2nd Class Elementary (E.)—Miss Catherine Dorgan.

Feb. 7, 1865.

S. A. Hurd,
Secretary.

SITUATION WANTED.

A Teacher holding a Diploma for Academics and who is competent to teach English and French. Enquire at this Office.