

gilt slate pencil in it was first produced, and the proud pencil thought, "now I will be bought, for there is no pencil so good as I am in all the world." Well, the man bought him, as he thought he looked very nice and thought he would use him at an entertainment he was going to have.

The proud pencil was brought upon the stage and the man began to use him. But the moment he touched the slate, the pencil began to squeak and everybody thought it sounded horribly, so he was thrown away as useless, and one of his commoner companions used instead of him. When he was put back in his box he was heard to remark, "I began to sing and they threw me away." Then the good pencil said "it was best not to sing unless he was asked." After that he sang no more and became a great favorite, so he never sang in public again. Moral,—  
"Pride must have a fall."

Princess Beatrice has been able, with the assistance of the President and Vice Presidents of the Becks and Bucks Needlework Guild, to send this winter nearly two thousand and useful garments to various districts in those counties for distribution among the deserving poor.

One of the results of the English census is to show us that there are nearly 1,600,000 people in that part of London which is under the supervision of the Bishop of Bedford. A large, nay, a colossal majority of these folk are extremely poor; it is, perhaps, not too large an estimate, to say that fifteen sixteenths are in that condition. They also comprise nearly one half of the population of the diocese of London.

Giving is worship. Every one should give whether rich or poor. The cent of the straightened is as much needed for worship as the dollar of the richer. The poor man should no more omit giving, on account of his poverty, than the illiterate man should omit praying on account of his grammar. No Christian has a right to except this from his worship.

The project of making Paris an inland seaport has once more been brought prominently forward, possibly in view of the New

Manchester Ship Canal; and a committee appointed to report upon the scheme has finished its labors. The proposed water-way would be 114 miles long and twenty-one feet in depth, and the estimated cost of the works is six and a quarter millions sterling. From the plebiscite taken of the opinion of the people on the matter, it would seem that they are unanimously in favor of it. It remains to be seen whether, after their sad experience of the Panama scheme; they will be inclined to invest capital in an enterprise in which a canal figures.

The Rev. J. S. Monkton, vicar of Cowen near Wolverhampton, gives us some valuable advice regarding clerical sore throat. He says he gave Professor D'Orsey a guinea for the advice many years ago. He writes: "Mr. D'Orsey told me that I must exercise my lips in putting them in every possible contortion—In fact I was charged to make mouths at myself in the glass. It had a magical effect. In a very short time I was able to do my duty, and if anybody will try it, and watch the muscles of the throat they will perceive how it acts upon them."

## MARRIAGES.

### ST. MARGARET'S PARISH.—

At St. Peter's Chapel, Nov. 24th, Robert Boutlier, and Annie Vaughan, both of this Parish.

At St. Peter's Chapel, Dec. 16th, Joseph Lawson Pace, and Julia Harnish, both of this Parish.

### CHESTER.—

Oct. 24th, at St. Stephen's Church, by the Rev. T. W. Clift, Albert Rafuse and Janet Morash, both of Chester.

Nov. 4th, at Stephen's Church, by the Rev. T. W. Clift, Anthony Mills and Effie Earnst—both of Chester.

Nov. 18, By T. W. Clift, Lemuel Sawler and Laura Mosher—both of Western Shore.

### NEW DUBLIN.—

Sept. 12, William Enos Teal to Laura Clancy; both of Broad Cove.

Nov. 18, Archibald Currie to Carrie L. Smith; both of West Dublin.

### PETITE RIVIERE.—

Nov. 26, At the Parish Church, by Rev. Chas. P. Mellor, Incumbent of New Dublin. Stephen Sperry, of West Dublin to Emma Eide of Crouse Town.

## BURIAL

### LAHAYE.—

Nov. 1st, Mrs. John Conrad, aged 84 years.

Nov. 24, William Heckman, aged 78 years.

Dec. 1st, Paul Reuben, infant son of Isaiah and Minna Langille, aged 10 months.

Dec. 2, Anna Maria, relict of the late Francis Mullock, aged 76 years.