

tolerate *drank* as a past participle; but *drunk* is unquestionably correct English. Probably it is from an unpleasant association with the word *drunk* that modern refinement has changed it to *drank*.

It is very easy to mistake the nominative when another noun comes between it and the verb, which is frequently the case in the use of the indefinite and distributive pronouns; as, "One of those houses *were* sold last week;" "Each of the daughters *are* to have a separate share;" "Every tree in those plantations *have* been injured by the storm;" "Either of the children *are* at liberty to claim it." Here it will be perceived that the pronouns "one," "each," "every," "either" are the true nominatives to the verbs; but the intervening noun in the plural number, in each sentence, deludes the ear; and the speaker, without reflection, renders the verb in the plural instead of the singular number. The same error is often committed when no second noun appears to plead an apology for the fault: as, "everybody has a right to look after *their* own interest;" "either *are* at liberty to claim it." This is the effect of pure carelessness.

There is another very common error, the reverse of that last mentioned, which is that of rendering the adjective pronoun in the plural number instead of the singular, in such sentences as the following: "These kind of entertainments are not conducive to general improvement;" "Those sort of experiments are often dangerous." This error seems to originate in the habit which people insensibly acquire of supposing the prominent noun in the sentence (such as "entertainments" or "experiments") to be the noun qualified by the adjective "these" or "those;" instead of which, it is "kind," "sort," or any word of that description immediately following the adjective which should be so qualified, and the adjective must be made to agree with it in the singular number. We confess, it is not so agreeable to the ear to say "This kind of entertainments," "That sort of experiments," but it would be easy to give the sentence a different form, and say "Entertainments of this kind;" "Experiments of that sort;" by which the requisitions of grammar would be satisfied, and those of euphony, too.

Whatever is worth doing, is worth doing well. If our native language is worth studying, it is worth speaking well. Youth is the time for forming correct habits of speech.—*English Journal of Education*.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.



EDUCATION OFFICE, Montreal, 31st May 1858.

All municipalities, whose reports of the census for 1857 shall not have been received at this office on or before the fifteenth day of July next, will be deprived of their share in the government grant hereafter to become due to them.

APPOINTMENTS.

His Excellency, the Governor General, has been pleased to approve of the following appointments:

JACQUES CARTIER NORMAL SCHOOL.

Mr. Frederick M. Ossaye to be an associate professor. Mr. Ossaye will give lessons on agriculture and rural economy.

CATHOLIC BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR THE DISTRICT OF QUEBEC.

The Reverend Jean Langevin, P.R., to be a member of the Catholic Board of Examiners for the district of Quebec, in the place of His Lordship the Right Reverend Dr. Horan, Bishop of Kingston, resigned.

SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

County of Bagot.—Stc. Rosalie: M. André Beaugregard and Olivier Sénécal.

ERECTION OF SCHOOL MUNICIPALITY.

His Excellency, the Governor General, has been pleased to dismember from the municipality of Trois-Pistoles, county of Temiscouata, that portion of the said municipality hereafter described, and to erect the same into a separate municipality, under the name of "Les Trois-Pistoles No. 1," that is to say: All that tract of land situated to the North-East of the seigniorial line of St. Simon, running towards the South-West as far as the division line separating the property of François Rioux from that

of Augustin Beaucher dit Morency, in the first concession of the said municipality of Trois-Pistoles, being about two leagues and a half in length and comprising the districts numbers one, two and three of the said municipality.

Also.—To erect into a separate school municipality, the new parish of Ste. Anne de Stukely, in the county of Shefford, to be comprised within the following limits, that is to say:—The first fourteen numbers, in each of the eleven ranges of the township of Stukely, containing about five miles and a half in front by eleven miles in depth, bounded as follows, to wit: to the South by the township of Bolton, to the West by the township of Shefford, to the North by the township of Ely, and to the East by the line separating all the above mentioned fourteen numbers, from the lots numbers fifteen in each of the said eleven ranges of the said township of Stukely.

(Signed,)

P. J. O. CHAUVEAU,
Superintendent of Education.

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