

Stormed.—To storm means to attack and attempt to take by scaling the walls.

Pronc brow.—Protruding forehead, supposed to indicate massive intellect.

Oppressive.—Burdened with thought. Napoleon had planned the attack of the place, and his whole attitude would seem to indicate extreme anxiety respecting the movements of his officer; Lannes.

Lannes.—The officer who led the attack, and succeeded in scaling the walls.

He mused.—He is interrupted in his meditation. The poet has left us to conjecture what would follow should "Lannes waver at yonder wall."

Waver.—To be in danger of falling; to hesitate.

Could Suspect.—What is the object of this verb? parse "tight" and "scarce."

All but.—Parse.

Emperor.—Napoleon became Emperor of the French in 1804.

Marshal.—Chief military commander.

Flag-bird flap his cans.—Flag-bird, that is the eagle—the national standard of France. Sir W. Scott in his "Last Charge of the French at Waterloo," says, "The cohort's eagles flew," and Tennyson in the "Funeral of Wellington" says, "Again the ravening eagle rose," referring to Napoleon who has been called the "Victor Eagle."

"Nay the killed sire!"—An example of condensed expression—a power which Browning possessed in a great degree. The poem divides itself into—the locality—the attitude of Napoleon—his meditation—the heroic conduct of the boy, and his conversation with Napoleon. Under these headings write a prose abstract of the lesson.

Napoleon Bonaparte was the greatest military genius of modern times. He was brilliant in devising original plans; heedless of human life, very ambitious, cruel and vain. For seventeen years he disturbed the peace of Europe. He was born at Ajaccio, in Corsica, in 1769. After a brilliant military career he overthrew the French Directory, 1799, and was made Irish Consul. In 1804 he became Emperor of the French. He vanquished the Austrians and Russians at Austerlitz, 1805, and the Prussians at Jena, in 1806. He brought about the Peninsular war in 1808, by placing his brother Joseph on the throne of Spain. In 1812 he undertook his great Russian expedition; was forced to retreat from Moscow, and lost nearly the whole of his army. He abdicated in 1814, and retired to Elba, but returned in less than a year. In 1812 he was defeated by Wellington and Blücher, at Waterloo, and surrendered to the English. He was banished to St. Helena, and died there at the age of 52.

Robert Browning was born in 1812, at Camberwell. He has been ranked next to Tennyson, of contemporary English poets. He was educated at London University. He spent twenty years in Italy. His style is *grotesque*; his fault is obscurity. He has written some tragedies. "Larri Riel," "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," "Evelyn Hope," and "How they Brought the Good News from Ghent to Aix," are from his pen.

THE ROYAL READERS.

QUESTIONS SUITABLE FOR ENTRANTS.

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The Unwritten History of our Forefathers.—

I. (a). What do you understand by the term *history*? *Curious History*? *Profane History*?

(b). Who were the Britons? Who furnishes us with the earliest accounts of the Britons? Name in order the different nations that have left marks of conquest in Britain?

II. Give the meaning of *cairns*, *canoe*, *mute*, *lea*, *equipped*, *companions-in-arms*?

III. Distinguish *savage*, *barbarian*, *semi-civilized*.

IV. What is meant by *stone period*? *Bronze period*?

V. What nations of antiquity were noted for their progress in metallurgy?

VI. Parse the words in italics in the following:—

There are spots where the flint arrow-heads have been found in such numbers as to show that the barbarian tribes had met there in battle.

VII. Give a brief sketch of the life of the author?

Educational Notes and News.

The total amount expended for educational purposes in British Columbia during the year 1883-84, was \$68,953.75, of which \$50,762.55 was for teachers' salaries.

The number of pupils enrolled in all the schools of British Columbia during the year 1883-84 was 3,420. An increase of 727 over the preceding year.

The total number of teachers employed on the permanent school staff of British Columbia for the year 1884-85 is 85, of whom 48 are males and 42 females. The highest monthly salary paid is \$110, the lowest 50, average \$61.16.

The *Georgetown Herald* thinks it too bad that Georgetown with a population of 2,000 should be without a High School, when other towns and villages with less than half that number of residents have flourishing High Schools. The *Herald* lays the blame on the mistaken economy of the Town Council.

The contract for the erection of a new School House in Omamee has been awarded to Mr. English for \$2,844.

The Trustees of the Listowel High and Public Schools are considering the question of making provision for the teaching of German in the Schools.

Mr. W. Atkin, inspector of Elgin Public Schools, examined the Dutton schools last Thursday. He expressed himself as well pleased with the efficiency of the teachers and the progress the schools are making, but says the buildings are not what are required.—*Dutton Enterprise*.

The *Whitby Gazette* speaks highly of a recent public entertainment given by the Literary Society of Pickering College.

Thomas Halloway a very rich Englishman is now building the largest women's college on the globe. The location is at Mount Levee, near Windsor Park, not far from London. It comprises ninety six acres of beautiful fully located ground. The building is to be rectangular in form, measuring 520 feet from east to west, and 376 from north to south. The plan is simple, consisting of two long blocks each six stories high, running parallel to each other and connected in the middle and at either end by lower cross buildings. There are to be accommodations for 300 students, each having two rooms. Every sanitary provision has been observed in the construction of the building, which is now near completion. This institution is designed to give a suitable education to women of the middle classes. Every student is to be allowed to have complete freedom on religious matters; but the internal government will be that of an orderly Christian Household. The total endowment of Mr. Halloway will amount to \$5,000,000. This college for women will, when completed, be the costliest institution of learning ever brought into existence by a single benefactor.

The semi-annual meeting of the Dufferin Teachers' Association will be held in Shelburne, on the 12th and 13th of June. Mr. J. J. Tilley will conduct the Association. He will also give a public lecture in the Town Hall on the evening of the 12th.

Out of eighty teachers now engaged in the County of Dufferin, there are only eight who were here when Mr. Gordon was appointed Inspector five years ago. Mr. McMaster, of Honeywood, and Mr. McLinn, of Orangeville, are the only two who have not changed schools.—*Shelburne Free Press*.