

"blue-stocking" applied to a learned woman is said to have originated there. One of the drawing rooms in Montagu House had the walls hung with hangings made by Mrs. Montagu from the plumage of almost every kind of bird. She died in 1800.

The Westminster Election. Georgiana, the young and beautiful Duchess of Devonshire, and other ladies, took an active part in canvassing for Fox, who was threatened with defeat in the election of 1784. They secured his return to parliament as member for Westminster.

Whose lips, more persuasive. The Duchess is said to have bribed some of the voters with kisses.

Serjeants. Barristers of high rank. The serjeants were attendant on the lord high steward on the trial of a peer.

Master of the Rolls. The chief of twelve assistants to the Lord Chancellor.

Lord Chancellor. The highest judge in the kingdom. President of the House of Lords, and keeper of the Great Seal.

Edmund Burke, 1729-1797. The great orator of the age.

Charles James Fox, 1749-1806. Statesman and orator. Rival of Pitt. See *Marmion, Introduction to Canto 1. ll. 79-165.*)

William Pitt. The younger Pitt, 1759-1806.

Lord North. Prime Minister, 1770-1782. For these four names see English History.

Sheridan. Richard Brinsley Sheridan, 1751-1816. Orator and dramatist.

Windham. William Windham, 1750-1810. One of the members of parliament charged with the impeachment.

Demosthenes, Hyperides. Celebrated Greek orators of the 4th century, B. C.

The company. The East India Company, which governed for the English in India from 1600, where the first charter was granted, until 1858, when the government was transferred from the Company to the Crown.

The English Presidencies, of Bengal, Madras and Bombay.

Hostile Chancellor. Lord Thurlow, who was Lord Chancellor from 1778 to 1792.

PERORATION OF OPENING SPEECH AGAINST WARREN HASTINGS.

This extract should be studied in close connection with the preceding one.

Author. Edmund Burke, 1729-1797, statesman and orator. Member of Parliament, 1766-1795.

Chief works. *Thoughts on the Present Discontents*, 1770; *Speech on Conciliation with America*, 1775; *Reflections on the Revolution in France*, 1790. *Letters on a Regicide Peace*, 1796.

Peroration. The closing division of a judicial speech. The other divisions are (1) the Exordium or Proem, sometimes called the introduction; (2) the Statement of Facts; (3) the proof of what is advanced; (4) the Refutation of an opposing view. It is important at the end of a speech "to prepare the audience for the favourable reception of the main part of the speech and to close with a recapitulation of the arguments employed or an appeal to the feelings, or both." (*A. S. Cook, in his edition of Burke's Speech on Conciliation, Longmans English Classics.*) Study the peroration of the speech against Warren Hastings, applying this description.

QUESTION BOX.

H. M. M.—Ex. 4, page 19, Ontario H. S. Physics.

The party travels north 110 miles in 10 days.

Therefore the average rate north is 11 miles a day.

The ice drifts south 10 yards a minute, which is 14400 yards or $8\frac{2}{3}$ miles a day.

Each day, therefore, the party travels north 11 miles, and is carried back by the drifting ice $8\frac{2}{3}$ miles. Their average daily progress north, therefore, is $11 - 8\frac{2}{3} = 2\frac{1}{3}$ miles a day.

M. M. G.—Q. Where can I get a good book from which to get the names of the wild flowers?

Reed's Flower Guide, price 76c., is good. Any book-seller will get it for you. It is far better, however, to learn to use a botanical key, such as Spotton or Gray.

Q. What makes the dew form on the grass in the shape of cobwebs?

Spiders spin cobwebs in the grass. The web is so fine that, usually, one does not notice it. But when these webs are laden with drops of dew, they become easily visible.

C. B. J.—For information about the Audubon Society write to the National Association of Audubon Societies, 1674. Broadway, New York City. This Association can give you valuable help in interesting your pupils in birds. If you want a reply, enclose a stamped and addressed envelope.