

Considering this fact, their father called together his council, and consulted it as to the means for cultivating their minds.

Then one of the council answered, Since life is short and learning is long, it is necessary to consider how to abbreviate the road of learning, and to bring the substance of it into a compressed form.

Thus must the essence of learning be acquired: as the swan draws milk from the water.

Indian Tale.

Every one must be brought up, as far as possible, according to his character.

Not, that is, according to its faults, but according to the noble qualities of it.

Each one ought to develop his own peculiar traits (not being vicious); and not to endeavor after such as are foreign to him.

His own peculiar characteristics are best suited to every man; but he must be a strict judge of his own traits and failings.

Especially, endeavors should be made, not so much to acquire qualities which nature has not granted, as rather, to be rid of the faults which each of us is subject to.

CICERO.

The ancients educated their children not merely by talking to them, but also, and especially, by means of examples and actions; in order that what they acquired might remain in their minds not as a science, but as a nature and custom inseparable from them; not as a thing learned, but as an inherited possession.

When during a consultation on this point one asked Agesilaus, What children should be taught? he answered, What they will have to do when they become men.

MONTAIGNE.

(To be continued.)

LITERATURE.

POETRY.

ODE ON ART.

When from the sacred garden driven,
Man fled before his maker's wrath,
An angel left her place in heaven,
And crossed the wanderer's sunless path.
'Twas Art! sweet Art! Now radiance broke
Where her light foot flew o'er the ground;
And thus with seraph voice she spoke,—
"The curse a blessing shall be found."

She led him through the trackless wild,
Where noontide sunbeam never blazed;
The thistle shrunk, the harvest smiled,
And nature gladdened, as she gazed.
Earth's thousand tribes of living things
At Art's command, to him are given;
The village grove, the city springs,
And point their spires of faith to heaven.

He reads the oak,—and bids it ride,
To guard the shores its beauty graced;
He smites the rock,—upheaved in pride,
See towers of strength and domes of taste.
Earth's teaming caves their wealth reveal,
Fire bears his banner on the wave,
And bids the mortal poison beal,
And leaps triumphant o'er the grave.

He plucks the pearls that stud the deep,
Admiring beauty's lap to fill:
He breaks the stubborn-marble's sleep,
And imitates creating skill.
With thoughts that swell his glowing soul,
He bids the ore illumine the page,
And proudly scorning time's control,
Converses with an unborn age.

So trained—so schooled he writes his name,
And treads the chambers of the sky;
He reads the stars, and grasps the flame
That quivers round the throne on high.
In war renowned, in peace sublime,
He moves in greatness and in grace;
His power, subduing space and time,
Links realm to realm, and race to race.

JOHN BRUCE,

OFFICIAL NOTICES.



SEPARATION AND ANNEXATION OF SCHOOL MUNICIPALITIES.

His Excellency the Governor General in Council was pleased, on the 13th of April last, to annex to the school municipality of St. Basile, in the county of Portneuf, those ranges in the school municipality of Cap Santé which have been joined to St. Basile by ecclesiastical and civil erection, to wit: the ranges called Terrebonne, Petit Bois de l'Ail, Petit St. Charles; also, that portion of the range of St. François extending from the farm of the widow Augustin Morrisette to that of Joseph Belleau, inclusively.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased, the same day, to annex to the school municipality of St. Thomas de Pierreville, in the county of Yamaska, the Island of St. Joseph, now forming part of the school municipality of St. François du Lac, in the same county.

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Messrs Joseph Green, Jean-Baptiste Laplante, and Léon Liguori Corbeille, have obtained diplomas authorizing them to teach in Model schools.

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F. X. VALADE,
Secretary.

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Mr. Léon Trudelle has obtained a diploma authorizing him to teach in elementary schools.

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Misses Ruth Bishop, Sarah Jane Bowen, Eulalia Donohue, Jane Gage, Harriet Hadlock, Mary Ann Hadlock, Eliza Kent, Esther Loring, Martha Macculloch, Mary McLellan, Mary A. Parker, Rebecca Parker, Helen M. Pierce, and Messrs James Chapman, and B. F. Sibbey, have obtained diplomas for teaching in elementary schools.

S. A. HURD,
Secretary.

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