

sion. In France, senators and deputies are paid \$1,780 per annum, and the same rate obtains in Austria. In Belgium, each member of the Chamber of Representatives receives \$84 a month if he does not live in Brussels. In Switzerland, members of the National Council get \$2.50 a day, and members of the State Council from \$1.50 to \$2.50. In Italy, neither senators nor deputies are paid, but they travel free and receive other concessions in taxes and patronage.—*London Court Journal.*

A GOOD EDUCATION.—Edward Everett said: "To read the English language well, to write with dispatch a neat legible hand, and be master of the first rules of arithmetic, so as to dispose of at once, with accuracy, every question of figures which comes up in practice—I call this a good education. And if you add the ability to write pure, grammatical English, I regard it as an excellent education. These are the tools. You can do much with them, but you are helpless without them. They are the foundation; and unless you begin

with these, all your flashy attainments, a little geology, and all other ologies and ophies are ostentatious rubbish.

MANNERS MAKETH MAN.—The *Montreal Witness* is inclined to think that, though of little avail with a weak character, manners are worth more to a man in life, and are, consequently, better worth teaching a boy than half of the subjects in which he is daily drilled through five or six long hours. It is, however, by no means such an easy thing to prescribe a course of manners as one in geography and spelling, nor as it was in the old dame school days when manners were understood to consist in bobs and curtseys. Something is to be done by training, more by example and imitation. What is important in this respect is to secure teachers of as good manners and culture as possible, and to impress on them on every occasion the importance of insisting on the observance on the part of their scholars, and that for their own sakes, of the respect which is due to their teachers and to each other.—*The London Free Press.*

GEOGRAPHY.

THE BAY OF RIO DE JANEIRO.—Tell the pupils that the bay of Rio de Janeiro is even more beautiful than the renowned bay of Naples, or the Golden Horn of Constantinople. As one lies on the deck of the ship, watching the night steal over the city, the scene is one of marvellous enchantment, and fairy-like loveliness, with the brilliant waters, the lamps of the ferry-boats, and the city in the distance, showing its avenue of palms; the foliage shows every tint of green, birds of glittering plumage flit through giant boughs, and flowers of rainbow beauty are everywhere.

THE RAINIEST REGION IN THE WORLD.—More rain falls in a year over the Khasia Mountains, which lie north of Calcutta, in Assam, than in any other district in the world. How among these hills the torrential rain-sheet really rushes down may be inferred from the fact that at the meteorological station and observatory situated at Cherra Poonjee, in that region, as much as 610 inches of rain—that is, 50 feet—have been collected in a single year; and that of this enormous quantity nearly 550 inches fell in the six rainy or winter months beginning in May. As much