

his college life he has attained its highest prize. Some enthusiasts proposed that Mr. Austin should be exhibited in the jubilee procession as a living proof of the excellence of board-school training, but the suggestion does not appear to have been adopted.

The following may be read with interest by many of our teacher-readers, though it is not likely to be immortalized among the curiosities of school literature. It was lately addressed by an extremely respectful parent (would that they were all so!) to a school board, and reads as follows:—

"Gentlemen of honor, trusting you will graciously pardon the liberties taken by me in asking a favor which is as stated. I have five children in the Crondall school my daughter being Married with a family as requested me to appeal to you she says she would like the oldest girl Ada Claridge to be discharged from the school to assist her in family matters I now beg the pleasure of leaving the matter for your honorable considerations looking up unto you as my very superiors and also christian gentleman and adding that you will in return as mighty defendres of righteous graciously grant my request I remain gentlemen of honor your Excellencies' Obedient and faithful servant."

Bathing grounds for the pupils are beginning to be looked upon as necessary attachments to our larger institutions. In Brookline, for instance, in the reports of the sub-committees of the Education Society considerable attention is given to the subject of utilizing the new bathing establishment as a part of the educational system of Brookline. The sub-committee believes that in addition to the direct hygienic mission the bathing establishment will furnish ideal

conditions for a swimming school. Swimming, which is an art of educational as well as of practical value, will be taught each pupil. Facilities for swimming as an exercise will be provided for a number of months if not for the entire year. The sub-committee recommends that for a portion of the year competent instruction be provided both boys and girls, the expense to be met from the appropriation for schools.

When Mr. Du Maurier was lucky enough to pass his examination (much to his own astonishment), he wrote to his father:—

Care mihi princeps, sum per, mirabile dictu,
Proxima sed rasura, fuit, ni fallor, aratri.

And, as was very necessary, appended a translation, which ran, according to the *Cambridge Review*:—

Dear Governor, 'tis no less strange than true

That, by a lucky nuke, I'm through, I'm through,

And yet it was, unless I'm much mistaken,
A close shave of a plough—just saved my bacon.

Mr. R. U. McPherson, chairman of the Toronto Public School Board, received some time ago from Sir Donald A. Smith a letter enclosing a letter from the Colonial Office acknowledging the address sent to the Queen by the school board on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee. The letter from the Colonial Office is as follows:—

"Downing Street, July 24, 1897.

"Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to inform you that he has now laid before the Queen the address from the members of the Toronto Public School Board. Mr. Chamberlain will be glad if you will inform Mr. McPherson, chairman