

—You are well aware that it is not only by bodily exercises, by educational institutions, or by lessons in music that our youth are trained, but much more effectually by public examples.—*Æschines*.

—The mind is but a barren soil—a soil which is soon exhausted, and will produce no crop, or only one, unless it be continually fertilized and enriched with foreign matter.—*Sir Joshua Reynolds*.

—What is known of our Canadian nobility may be learned from the following, which is said to have taken place in a school in Britain while it was being examined by an injudicious inspector:—The boys, who had been nearly annihilated by their previous cross-questioning, had not recovered their spirits when he came back to them and questioned them about the taking of Canada by the British. Though well up in this history they were so nervous and alarmed lest they might possibly give a wrong answer that they, much to the discomfiture of their teacher, held back when they could well have spoken out. It was no joke to bring down *instantly* upon their defenceless heads the sarcastic and wrathful denunciations of this Man of Fate. At last they were floored by the question, "What Marquis led the French forces at the taking of Quebec?" In their histories Montcalm had not once been mentioned by his title, so the boys sat trying to think of some Marquis. "The Marquis of Mont—? Mont—? come now, Mont—?" Suddenly a show of hands went up. "You!" said the Inspector, pointing to one whose parental consanguinity had well nigh eliminated intellect. "The Marquis of Montreal!" "Ha—ha—ha!" laughed the Inspector; this is rich; a very good title, upon my word. Her Majesty might take the hint."

—But to excel in the higher attainments of knowledge, to be distinguished in those greater pursuits which have commanded the attention and exhausted the abilities of the wise in every former age, is, perhaps, of all the distinctions of human understanding, the most honorable and grateful.—*Archibald Alison*.

—Education, in the widest sense of the word, is the great regenerator of human society. To it we must owe the intellectual habits we form, the power which the reason and conscience have over the will, and the strength we possess to regulate the desires and to subdue the passions.—*J. D. Morell*.

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1. Write the plural of alley, lily, ditch, niche, genius, genus, oasis, spoonful, Mr. Smith, attorney-at-law; the feminine form of nephew, earl, duke, marquis, czar, hero, hart, executor, lad, Francis. (20)