

Why is it that although the English language has derived many words from the Latin, it is not a Romance language?

DICTATION.

Battles, sieges, triumphs, the exploits of the chase were portrayed on the walls, sculptured in alabaster, and painted in gorgeous colors. Under each picture were engraved, in colors, filled up with bright copper, inscriptions describing the scenes represented. Above the sculptures were painted other events—the king, attended by his eunuchs and warriors, receiving his prisoners, entering into alliances with other monarchs, or performing some sacred duty. These representations were enclosed in colored borders of elaborate and elegant designs. The emblematic tree, winged bulls and monstrous animals, were conspicuous among the ornaments. At the upper end of the hall was the colossal figure of the king, in adoration before the supreme deity, or receiving from his eunuch the holy cup. He was attended by warriors bearing his arms, and by the priests or presiding divinities. His robes, and those of his followers, were adorned with groups of figures, animals, and flowers, all painted with brilliant colors. The stranger trod upon alabaster slabs, each bearing an inscription recording the titles, genealogy, and achievements of the great king. Several doorways, formed by gigantic winged lions or bulls, or by the figures of guardian deities, led into other apartments, which again opened into more distant halls. The ceilings above him were divided into square compartments, painted with flowers or with the figures of animals.

GEOGRAPHY.

1. Define Longitude, The Tropics, Oblate Spheroid, and Table Land.

2. Name the Zones, and state their widths in degrees.

3. Why is British Columbia so much warmer than the eastern coast of North America in the same latitude?

4. Sketch an outline map of Great Britain, and mark on it the position of eight of the chief towns, six rivers, three capes, and the groups of islands around it.

5. Name ten American "commercial centres" and their chief exports.

6. Name the chief rivers of Europe and the great cities on their banks.

7. Name the counties of Ontario west of York, and give their County Towns.

8. Where and what are Taranto, Cutch, Cyclades, Corea, Modena, Garda, Medina, Nice, Funen, Aspinwall, Gallinas, Aden, Tasmania, Tananarivo, and Queensland.

ENGLISH LITERATURE.

1. Write a brief synopsis of the contents of the first book of *Paradise Lost*.

2. Quote the passage referring to Leviathan, the description of Satan's spear, that of Mammon, and ten consecutive lines from any of the speeches of Satan.

3. And now his heart
Distends with pride, and hardening in his
strength

Glories; for never, since created man,
Met such embodied force, as named with these
Could merit more than that small infantry 575
Warred on by cranes; though all the giant
brood

Of Phlegra with th' heroic race were joined
That fought at Thebes and Ilium, on each
side

Mixed with auxiliar gods; and what resounds
In fable or romance of Uther's son, 580
Begirt with British and Armoric knights;
And all who since, baptized or infidel,
Jostled in Asramont, or Montalban,
Damasco, or Marocco, or Trebisond;
Or whom Biserta sent from Afric shore, 585
When Charlemain with all his peerage fell
By Fontarabia. Thus far these beyond
Compare of mortal prowess, yet observed
Their dread commander: he, above the rest
In shape and gesture proudly eminent, 590
Stood like a tower; his form had yet not lost
All her original brightness, nor appeared