

## POETRY.

## I SHALL MISS THE CHILDREN.

CHARLES DICKENS.

When the lessons and tasks are all ended,  
And the school for the day is dismissed,  
And the little ones gather around me,  
To bid me good-night and be kissed;  
Oh the little white arms that encircle  
My neck in a tender embrace!  
Oh, the smiles that are halos of heaven,  
Shedding-sunshine of love on my face!

And when they are gone I sit dreaming  
Of my childhood too lovely to last,  
Of love that my heart will remember  
When it wakes to the pulse of the past,  
Ere the world and its wickedness made me  
A partner of sorrow and sin,  
When the glory of God was about me  
And the glory of gladness within.

Oh, my heart grows weak as a woman's,  
And the fountains of feelings will flow,  
When I think of the paths steep and stony,  
Where the feet of the dear ones must go;  
Of the mountains of sin hanging o'er them,  
Of the tempest of Fate blowing wild;  
Oh! there is nothing on earth half so holy  
As the innocent heart of a child.

They are idols of hearts and of households;  
They are angels of God in disguise;  
His sunlight still sleeps in their tresses,  
His glory still gleams in their eyes;  
Oh! those truants from home and from heaven,  
They have made me more manly and mild  
And I know how Jesus could liken  
The kingdom of God to a child.

I ask not a life for the dear ones  
All radiant, as others have done,  
But that life may have just enough shadow  
To temper the glare of the sun.  
I would pray God to guard them from evil,  
But my prayer would bound back to myself,  
Ah! a scraph may pray for a sinner,  
But a sinner must pray for himself.

The twig is so easily bended,  
I have banished the rule and the rod;  
I have taught them the goodness of knowledge,  
They have taught me the goodness of God.  
My heart is a dungeon of darkness,  
Where I shut them from breaking a rule;  
My frown is sufficient correction;  
My love is the law of the school.

I shall leave the old house in the Autumn,  
To traverse its threshold no more;  
Ah! how shall I sigh for the dear ones  
That meet me each morn at the door;  
I shall miss the "good-nights" and the kisses,  
And the gush of their innocent glee,  
The group on the green and the flowers  
That are brought every morning to me.

I shall miss them at morn and at eve,  
Their song in the school and the street;  
I shall miss the low hum of their voices.  
And the tramp of their delicate feet.  
When the lessons and tasks are all ended,  
And death says, "The school is dismissed!"  
May the little ones gather around me,  
To bid me good-night and be kissed!

## OFFICIAL NOTICES.



## Ministry of Public Instruction.

## ERECTION OF A SCHOOL MUNICIPALITY.

The Lieutenant Governor, in Council, has been pleased to erect the new parish of St. Patrice de Beaurivage into a school municipality, as the same was erected for civil purposes by proclamation, dated 6th June last.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS, BONAVENTURE.

The Lieutenant Governor, in Council, has been pleased to make the following nominations:

The Revd. Antoine Chouinard, *vice*, the Revd. Charles G. Fournier, and Martin Sheppard, Esquire, *vice* the Revd. John Wells.

## SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

The Lieutenant Governor, in Council, has been pleased to make the following nominations:

## QUEBEC.

Protestant.—The Revd Charles Hamilton, M. A., continued in office.

Catholic.—François-Léon Gourdeau, Esquire, *vice* Jacques Crémazie, Esquire, deceased.

## MONTREAL.

Catholic.—The Revd. Paul Leblanc, continued in office.

Protestant.—The Revd. John Jenkins, continued in office.

Chicoutimi, Métabetchouan, Messrs. Job Bilodeau, Joseph Laforest, Eusèbe Beaudreault, Solime Gagnon, and Damase Raymond.

L'Assomption, Ile Bouchard, Mr. Honoré Lescot, *vice* Mr. Léon Pelletier.

Saguenay, Tadoussac, Messrs. Thomas Maltais and George Déchène, *vice* two Commissioners beyond the limits of the municipality.

Témiscouata, St. Epiphane, Mr. Pierre Chouinard, *vice* Mr. François Pelletier.

## DIPLOMAS GRANTED BY THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

## PROTESTANT BOARD OF QUEBEC.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 1st class (E)—M. Archibald McConchly, and Mrs. Margaret McKillop.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 2d class (E)—Misses Martha Graham, Jane Greaves, Sophia Redman, Emily Sturton, and Eliza Ann Thurber. May 7th, 1872.

D. WILKIE,  
Secretary.

## PROTESTANT BOARD OF QUEBEC.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 1st class (F)—Misses Mary Jane Maxwell, and Camilla Wilson. August 6th, 1872.

D. WILKIE,  
Secretary.

## BOARD OF BEAUCE.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.—1st class (F)—Miss Philomène Poulin.  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 2d class (F)—Misses Marie Elmire Célanire Perreault, Marie Maheux, and Philomène Vaillancour. August 6th, 1872.

J. T. P. PROULX,  
Secretary.

## TEACHERS' DIPLOMAS GRANTED AT THE JACQUES CARTIER NORMAL SCHOOL, JULY 10th, 1872.

ACADEMY DIPLOMAS, Messrs Gélase Boudrias, Edmond Gagnéux, and Dosithée Godin.