

what is beyond the possibility of observation by our pupils; but we should point out all accessible means and objects, for them to see and know for themselves as much as possible, that we may have a thrifty stock into which we may engraft the scions of other knowledge.

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POETRY.

Squandering Lives.

By BAYARD TAYLOR.

The fisherman wades in the surge,
The sailor sails over the seas,
The soldier steps bravely to battle;
The woodman lays axe to the trees.

They are each of the breed of heroes,
The manhood attempted in strife;
Strong hands that go lightly to labour,
True hearts that take comfort in strife.

In each is the seed to replenish
The world with the vigour it needs—
The centre of honest affections,
The impulse to generous deeds.

But the shark drinks the blood of the fisher;
The sailor is dropped in the sea,
The soldier lies cold by his cannon,
The woodman is crushed by his tree.

Each prodigal life that is wasted
In many achievements unseen,
But lengthens the days of the coward,
And strengthens the crafty and mean.

The blood of the noble is lavished
That the selfish a profit may find;
God sees the lives that are squandered
And we to his wisdom are blind.

A Lawyer's will.

Poetical wills are certainly legal curiosities, and the following specimen printed in *Notes and Queries*, and made by the late John Cooper Grocott, a Liverpool solicitor, worthy of preservation:

"A LAWYER'S WILL.

26th of January, 1835.

This is my last Will and Testament;
Read it according to my intent.

My gracious God to me hath giv'n
Store of good things that, under heav'n,
Are giv'n to those 'that love the Lord,
And hear and do His sacred Word;'—
I therefore give to my dear Wife
All my Estates to keep for life,
Real and Personal, Profits, Rents,
Messuages, Lands, and Tenements;
After her death, I give the whole
Unto my children, one and all,
To take as 'Tenants in Common' do
Not as 'Joint Tenants,' *per mie—per tout*.
May God Almighty bless His Word,
To all my 'presents from the Lord,'
May He His blessings on them shed
When down in sleep they lay, their head.

I give all my 'Trust Estates' in fee
To Charlotte my wife and Devisee.
To hold to her, on Trust, the same,
As I now hold them in my name;
I give her power to convey the fee,
As fully as though 'twere done by me.
And here declare that from all 'charges,'
My Wife's 'Receipts are good dis-charges,'
And now, my Wife, my hopes I fix
On thee, my Sole Executrix—
My truest; best and to the end
My faithful Partner, 'Crown,' and friend.

In Witness whereof, I hereunto
My Hand and Seal have set,
In presence of those whose names below
Subscribe and witness it.

J. C. G. (L.S.)

This will was published, sealed and signed,
By the Testator in his right mind,
In presence of us, who, at his request,
Have written our names these facts to attest.

J. G. D.; J. M.; D. E."

OFFICIAL NOTICES.



Department of Public Instruction.

APPOINTMENTS.

ERECTING SCHOOL MUNICIPALITIES.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased by order in council dated the 23rd of February last (1877), and in virtue of the powers conferred on him by the 30th clauses of chap 15 of the Consolidated Statutes of Lower Canada.

1. To detach from the municipality of Grand River, in the county of Gaspé, the territory known as the "East side of Little Pabos River"; bounded on the north east by the property of James Candy exclusively, on the south west partly by the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, and partly running along the Little Pabos River, to the unconceded lands, and to erect it into a school municipality under the name of Little Pabos.

3. To detach from the township of Hunterstown, in the county of Maskinongé the new parish of Saint Alexis, in the same county, and to erect it into a school municipality under the said name and with the same limits as those assigned to it as a parish for civil and religious purposes, to wit: bounded on the south east by the north western limit of Saint Paulin, being a line crossing the township of Hunterstown from north east to south west in the fourth range of said township, and leaving Jean Collard's, lot on the north east side of Grand River du Loup, and the property of Antoine Lafrenière, on the west side of the same river, in the parish of Saint Paulin, on the south west side by the prolongation in a straight line of the line separating the parishes of Saint Ursule and Saint Paulin, for a distance of about six miles in the township of Calonne, on the north west by a line drawn from the extremity of the one just described to the south west line of township Caxton, or its prolongation in a straight line, on the north east by the line of separation between the said townships of Hunterstown and Caxton, or its prolongation in a straight line.

3. To detach from the municipality of the parish of Saint Germain de Rimouski, in the county of Rimouski, the new parish of Notre Dame du Sacré Cœur, with the same limits as those assigned to it as such.

4. To divide into two the municipality of Saint Celestin, in the county of Nicolet, the municipality No. one to comprise that portion of the parish of which is in the fiefs Godfroy and Rocquetaillade, and the municipality No. two to comprise the remainder of the parish, (the division line between the two municipalities being cadastral lots Nos. 172, 335, 336, 337).