

Burke uses this figure to express that at every crisis in his life he was obliged to prove his fitness (passport) to occupy certain positions. A passport is a certificate which travellers in foreign countries have to produce when required to do so by proper officials.

"Excessive," "out of all bounds." An excessive grant is too large or exceeds the proper amount. "out of all bounds," out of all due proportion.

Page 149. What is the subject of the first paragraph? The Duke of Bedford, the way in which he arrives at his conclusions about Burke and his own dependency on Royal Bounty.

Explain, "outrage economy and stagger credibility." The Duke of Bedford's grant was so large as to shock people's ideas of economy. They could hardly believe that it was so great.

Page 150. "Not gross adulation but uncivil irony." Explain and expand the force of this antithesis. This is not a good example of antithesis. If there be any it is between adulation (flattery) and irony (a sneer).

What does Burke imply by saying it would be not adulation but irony?

That no one could for a moment entertain the preposterous idea that the Duke of Bedford's personal merit gave him a right to the grants.

3. Page 83. What is the subject of the first paragraph: The degeneracy of the times in patriotism and public spirit.

THE Public School Board of Brockville has made a move that other town and city Boards would do well to follow. All classes are ordered to be dismissed on Friday at three p.m., and the last hour of that day is to be spent by the teachers, under the direction of the principal, in discussing methods of teaching and discipline. The object of this is to secure the best methods, and ensure as far as possible, uniformity throughout the schools. The teachers, sixteen in number, have been meeting in this way since the New Year, and all, including Mr. Grant, the principal, are well satisfied with the results.

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE.

Dorcas for February is full of useful designs and appropriate articles.

Art and Decoration, besides many beautiful designs and illustrations, etc., contains well-written articles and useful hints to architects, builders and householders.

A RECENT number of *The Critic* contains a discussion on the subject of Sunday newspapers, arguments for both sides being given. *The Critic* has reached its eighth volume, and is as able and indispensable as ever.

The Quiver is so well known to many of our readers that an enumeration of its contents for March is almost unnecessary. The Rev. Hugh Macmillan, Edward Garrett, and many another good writer is represented in its pages. It will be a favourite companion for March Sunday afternoons.

The Annals of Hygiene is steadily improving in interest and value, and we recommend it to the attention of the teaching profession. It is the official organ of the Pennsylvania State Board of Health, but is by no means local in the character of its contents.

THE March *Lippincott* will contain, as usual, a complete novel—"Honoured in the Breach," by Julia Magruder. Max O'Rell's humorous article, "From My Letter-Box," and an article giving much curious information about the secret history of President Tyler's administration, will also appear.

JUDGE GRAY, of British Columbia, contributes to the current issue of the *Overland* a weighty article on Commercial Union between the United States and Canada. It is one of the most important contributions to