

Dr. Bauerlein. The weight of authority among specialists seems to be very strongly in favor of vertical writing. At the London Congress of Hygiene and Demography, resolutions were passed recommending the adoption of upright penmanship in our elementary schools.

Three prime requisites must be met by any system of script. Firstly, it must be simple and natural to children. Secondly, it must be legible. Thirdly, it must be hygienic.

QUESTION DEPARTMENT.

INQUIRER.—1. Please explain what is meant in history by the "Salic Law." 2. In what countries was it recognized? 3. Is it still "law" in any of these countries?

The "Salic Law" is properly a code of laws adopted by the Salian Franks who invaded and conquered Gaul in the fifth century, and established the French monarchy. By one feature of this code females were excluded from inheriting landed property. This last feature has always prevailed in France with respect to the crown, as it did in Spain under the Bourbon (French) line until 1830, when it was abolished in favor of Isabella. So far as we know, it has not been a law in any other country, although the same usage of excluding females from succession may have prevailed at times, as it did in Germany from 1024 to 1125, A. D., under the five Franconian dukes who were successively elected emperors of Germany. Their descent from the Franks accounts for the introduction of the "law" into Germany.

SUBSCRIBER.—Who is the author of the following? Please explain it: "Things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been, half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life and rest in unvisited tombs."

The quotation is from George Eliot. The meaning seems obvious: The fashion of our life to-day is, more or less, determined by preceding generations. Each of the innumerable lives behind our own sends us its quota of influence, good or ill. And because of the quiet, faithful living out of these obscure and forgotten lives, the ills that might have descended to us are modified. George Eliot has the same thought in her fine poem:

"O may I join the choir invisible
Of those immortal dead who live again
In lives made better by their influence."

[Other answers to questions are crowded out of this number. We have again to urge correspondents to use every effort to solve arithmetical and other problems before sending them to us. We have plenty of time for the work, plenty of space, if —.]

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

A very successful school concert was held in connection with the Hopewell Hill, Albert County, N. B., superior school on the 22nd December. The principal, Mr. A. C. M. Lawson, with his associate, Miss Jane Moore, spared no pains to make it a success. The amount of \$23.14 was raised, which, with other means supplied by the trustees, will be devoted to framing pictures, providing a book-case, cabinet for natural history specimens and a school flag.

Mr. David Wilson, inspector of schools, Victoria, B. C., is on a visit to his friends in New Brunswick after an absence of eleven years. He received a warm welcome from his many friends.

The Fredericton grammar school scholars have procured a handsome human skeleton by subscription, for use in the physiology classes. It was a much needed thing to illustrate the study. A case has also been procured in which to keep it. The cost of the skeleton was thirty-five dollars.

Charlottetown and Summerside public schools re-opened on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., and the Prince of Wales College on Monday the 7th inst, the former having one week and two days, and the latter two weeks' holidays.

Miss Linda McLeod, a teacher of Kent Street School, Charlottetown, resigned at the close of December. She is succeeded by James A. Allen.

Miss F. Campbell, a teacher of Summerside, has resigned, and is succeeded by Miss Hannah Beattie.

Inspector Smith will spend January in the parishes of Salisbury and Dorchester, Westmorland County.

Miss Agnes Boyd, teacher at St. David's Ridge, Charlotte County, N. B., has by means of two entertainments, been able to refit entirely her school house. Miss Boyd leaves the impress of her energy upon every district in which she teaches.

Misses McKenzie and Hanson, of the St. Stephen staff, have obtained leave of absence for six months. Mr. Charles Murray and Miss Duston will supply in their absence.

It is expected that a new school house will be built at Letete, Charlotte County, at an early date. It is much needed.

Inspector Carter expects to begin work in Charlotte County as early in the term as travelling will permit.

A site for a new school building on Erin street, has been purchased by the St. John Board of School Trustees. It is expected that the building will be erected in 1895.

Give attention to the study of modern psychology by modern methods. Study the children.

The strength of a teacher may be measured by the use he makes of the *rod*, and the strength will be in the *inverse ratio*.