

As the sky is blue and the earth green, it would seem that the ceiling should be of a bluish tinge, and the carpet green, and walls of some mellow tint.

The moment you are instinctively prompted to rub the eyes, that moment cease using them.

If the eyelids are glued together on waking up, do not forcibly open them; but apply the saliva with the finger—it is the speediest diluent in the world—then wash eyes in warm water.

### HARD TO PRONOUNCE.

At a pronouncing contest, held in a Chicago Church, the following sentences were given to contestants for pronunciation:

The root of the difficulty was a pile of soot allowed to accumulate on the roof.

The rise of the waters has injured the ricecrop, and it may be expected that the price will rise.

He had moved his goods to the depot, but his friends bade him not be discouraged, as he would soon be acclimated if he would only stay.

He is an aspirant for Asiatic honours.

The disputants seemed to be conversant with the question, and, if not good financiers, they are, at least, familiar with the problem of finance.

The irrefragable evidence that he was the sole cause of the alteration indisputably fastened on him the responsibility for the irreparable damage.

His conduct was indicative of the blatant blackguard, but his complaisant coadjutor, with his incomparable complacency, was even more dangerous.

The physician, after a careful diagnosis, pronounces the patient to be suffering from bronchitis, gastritis, peritonitis and meningitis, caused by the prevalence of nephritis, and has prescribed morphine.

### Educational Notes.

The following is a list of the successful students at the December Professional Examinations, at the Toronto Normal School:—  
Males.—Anderson, Allingham, Allen, Burrows, Brown, E. R. Black, Braithwaite, Cook, Dickenson, Davidson, Delratty, Ellerby, P. W. Fairman, R. Fairman, Fletcher, Gunby, Galbraith, Huggill, Hay, D. Johnston, Jones, T. Johnston, Kee, Kernan, Knight, Lyon, Longford, Leslie, Letcherdale, Moore, Montgomery, R. McDonald, McCarthy, McKechnie, G. McDonald, Neagle, Rooney, Smith, Strath, Small, Taylor, Thompson, Teney, Winter, Wilkinson.

Females.—Bremner, Baillie, Beam, Beckott, Chisholm, Cole-ridge, Cleater, Duncan, Drew, Eadie, Fyfe, Greer, L. Graham, E. Graham, Heath, Husband, Hobson, Henry, Hesslop, Killaran, Knox, Kirkpatrick, Lennox, Malone, Morrison, J. St. C. Macdonald, N. McDonald, McNaughton, Pringle, Pearson, Philip, Ross, Riach, Maud Reede, Slater, Sanders, Sutton, L. Sturrette, B. Starrett, Spence, Sutherland, Woolley, Williams, Wyatt, Walton, Winnacutt, and Wood.

The certificates of the following students were raised from Grade B to Grade A:—Females—Duncan, N. McDonald, Lennox, Kirkpatrick, McNaughton, Knox, and Killoran.

Males.—Winter, Cook, Knight, Dickenson, and Strath.

The following students who hold either grade A or first class, are worthy of special mention:—Misses Fyfe, Maud Reede, Bremner, Sutherland, Morrison, and Messrs. Taylor, McCarthy, Neagle, and Leslie. Gold Medalist—Wilson Taylor. Mr. Taylor studied at the High School in Ingersoll, under Mr. Merchant, before attending the Normal School.

The Newcastle High School, under the Mastership of M. H. Jardine, B.A., shows a very good record for last summer. Of five prepared for Second Class, all passed, four getting grade A. One candidate, a lady, was prepared for II and III, and obtained both. Eight passed the Intermediate.

The wife of Mr. A. Smirle, Inspector of Public Schools of the County of Carleton, died suddenly a week or two since.

Mr. A. McKee, who has been for many years a teacher in the Peterborough Collegiate Institute, has been appointed Head Master of the Uxbridge Public Schools. Mr. McKee won for himself a good reputation in Peterborough, and will, no doubt, prove himself thoroughly qualified for the duties of his new position.

Hellmuth Ladies' College, London, closed for the holidays on the 18th December, with a rich musical entertainment, given to a very large gathering of friends and citizens.

There are only about thirty-five of the teachers in Huntington, Chateauquay, and Beauharnois Counties in Quebec, who have not changed their places this term. Over fifty changes have been made since the schools closed last June.

Efforts are being made to establish a model school at Bryson, Quebec.

At the last meeting of the Protestant committee of the Council of Public Instruction for Quebec, it was agreed to request the Hon. the Superintendent of Public Instruction to recommend His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to appoint the Rev. Robert Thou, Rector of Trinity Church, Quebec, a member of the Board of Examiners, Quebec, in the room of the Rev. C. W. Rawson, resigned.

East Farnham, Quebec, can boast of a fine new school house.

Miss Hattie Freel, of Thamesford, has been forced, on account of sickness, to give up her duties at the London Model School.

In a recent circular published by the Cornell University, it is said that young women bear the strain of mental work quite as well as young men, and there is no more sickness among them; moreover, a larger percentage of them complete the course and graduate, and the average of scholarships among them is higher than among young men. This fact does not imply mental superiority, it results doubtless from the greater regularity with which the gentler sex apply themselves to their tasks.

The following are the Regulations respecting Religious Instruction, recently issued by the Department of Education for Ontario.

1. Every Public and High School shall be opened with the Lord's Prayer, and closed with the reading of the Scriptures and the Lord's Prayer, or the prayer sanctioned by the Department of Education.

2. The portions of Scripture used shall be taken from selections authorized for that purpose by the Department of Education, and shall be read without comment or explanation.

3. Where a teacher claims to have conscientious scruples against opening and closing the school as herein provided, he shall notify the trustees to that effect in writing.

4. No pupil shall be obliged to take part in the exercises above referred to against the wish of his parents or guardian, expressed in writing to the master of the school.

5. When required by the Trustees the Ten Commandments shall be repeated at least once a week.

6. The Trustees shall place a copy of the authorized Readings in each department of the Public and High Schools under their jurisdiction, within one year from the date hereof.

7. The clergy of any denomination or their authorized representatives, shall have the right to give religious instruction to the pupils of their own church, in each school-house at least once a week, after the hour of closing of the school in the afternoon; and if the clergy of more than one denomination apply to give religious instruction in the same school house, the School Board or trustees shall decide on what day of the week the school-house shall be at the disposal of the clergyman of each denomination, at the time above stated. But it shall be lawful for the School Board or trustees and clergyman of any denomination to agree upon any hour of the day at which a clergyman, or his authorized representative, may give religious instruction to the pupils of his own church, provided it be not during the regular hours of the school.

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

About forty candidates were successful in passing the recent examinations for entrance to the Prince Edward Island Normal School. About three-fourths of the number were ladies. Candidates for entrance to the Normal School are required to make 200 marks out of a possible 400, and not less than 50 per cent. of each