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## PRIMAMY INSTRUCTION.

A sery interesting discussion aruxc out of a paper read before the 8t. John County Tenchers' Insti. tute by Mr. Henry Town, Principal of the Centennial building.
The discuxcion inok an entirely practical viow of the sulbeet, the more so ns many lady tuachers, Who are with dificulty induced to advance their opinious at these meetings, took part and gave rome usciul hints concerning points on which there seemal to be a difference of opinion. On correct methods of doing primary reork depends in a great degree the pupil's further satisfactory progress. It is the foundstion of future healthy growth and, if properis laid, ndvancument in.his after course is both certain and rapid. It the primary grades are inefficintly taught, no amiount of after instruction however excellent, can cradicate the eril which has been done. Hence the responsibility of the teacher of these grades is probsbly greater than in any others, and the greater care should be exercised by those interested to see that correct methods are purxued.

Some teachers preferred print weript to the connmon print authorized $b s$ the course of instruction, alleging thet it assisted the pupil very materially in Fritiog at a fature stage, and that it seemed moranatural.
The objection to the script is that it difiers from the print of the cards and primers and rould tend to confuse the pupil in the carlier stagea
Too much attention can not bo given to printing at first.
The teacher throughout the first year, at least, should see that all the pupils lasue their alates unformlig ruled, the sjaces being wade between the lines at the legianiug, as tho tendeacy is to contract.

Lovgslate pencils should le used to aroid crumping the fingers, and the pupilis attention directed to any defects in the prork.

In regand to dratring there seemed to bo some diIfcreare of opinion. Some preferred the plan of putting the pupil on his own resources from the first, white others thought that duriag tho first stages at least, a ruler should le allowed. Great care should be cxeretsed log the tencher, leat the pupil make too free use of a ruler ostensibily for meisuring, whirh too ofien simply means dotting to goido the line. A pupil in the third grade ean rule as strajght a lino ns one in the eigitio, iut is be does it free hand he is always improving, which abould le the object nimed at.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., JULY :2, 1886.
No. 4,

Tou great attention can nut be gaten lig tho teacher, especially in the primary grades, to repeating the sulbstance of what the pupil has read or leamed from the teacher. It gives a readiness and facility of expression which an unly be ac quired bs practice in such a way, streogthens the memory and powers of observation, besides affordin\% an cxcellent opportunity of correcting any wroug forms of speech which the pupil mas use in the recital. It ahould not bo a memory exercisc, but every encourageracent should be given the pupil to express himself in his own languagu. Too mang teachers are in the babit of fucstioning a class, using the formal questions in tho readers. This can lave but ono result. The pupil will give his answer in the words of the book in a parrotlike manati. In a school wher this method was pursued, a pupil wasasked, "Who was Solomon?" The answer was prompt, "The son of a country gentleman who lived on tho borders of tho New Forest." Such questioning and answerinit dastroys all urigioality of expression, which is one of the cids and objects of cducation.
The limits of this article prevent taking up all the subjects of the courec of instruction preseribed for primary schools.
The most successful texchers agree that histors and geography in these grajes were most efficiently taught omlly. History could ive rendered much more interesting to the pupils by this uncuns, and it was thought that the instruction should not ise burdened by dates and disconnected facts.
Oral geography assisted and impressed hy mapdraving is the most successful.
The science part of the course, is, perlapses the most neglected, or, if it is not neglected, it is usualls the last part of it considered. There should be no difficults about this.
The rendera prescribed are admirably adapted for instruction in plant and animal life, and if the teacher would in connection with each leston on these sulijects which comes before the class, bring out the factsin connection withit, rers littlo would remain to be done in the way of regular instrue tion.
If these subjects are properis treated, there are none more iateresting to prepils. If in addition to the instruction alluded to, a class were formed say crery Friday afternoon to impress anil consolidate what has leeen learned wacerning phants nod ani mals dunng the weed without great effort, it would be productive of the lest results, and the science part of the course would be taken up ats regulariy as the other subjects.

Wr: mould again requast the teschers to formard their subsecriptions for the Jocrsiat, as promptls as poestibla.
Taking it for grantot that no teacher in the province मill refusc to sulscribe, we are sending it to cach one as far as we havo their address While we have no reason to complain at all at the response of the teachers, jet thero aro many who have Dot 5ct forwandod their subscriptions.
We hope that thej will attend to this cx onec, as the suceess of the piper does not depend on the interest manilested by tro or throo hut on the sympathy and co-ojeration of the tenchers is a body. Alrcady Te know of nuady gind menils from jit poblication and no tescher can afford to le Fith. out it.

We have retared copics of the Nrw Brenswita Jodinsal of Finecatios, a maper devoted to the interests of teachers, publishice nt St. Jolin. Wo weicoms this addition to our maritimo literaturn. and wish it every success. Thery has for some time ineca felt the need of sich a pulification. The Ontario oh hool journals have lieen largels pistron ized by our teachers in the past, and at preacat receive no small share of their support from the lower I'roviures. Notwithstauling this, hon:ever, they have devoted conjuaratively little atten tion to our e uucational matters. We therefore look with consideralifointerest and hope upon this new veuture. We would ruggest that no narmow provincialism prevent this journal from reaching out and dealing with the clucational interests of tho other Mfaritime Provinces ns well. Ong ably conducted journal should be well supported in the provinces, whereas a less extensive territory would be insufficient. Why shoold not tho jourual lo terroct ite .. Juurnal of Education fur the Maritimu Provinces, "and extend its mission!
The management is in ablo hands, Messra. G. (". May, Ph. 13., and Wim. 8. Carter, A. 31., being the editors.-The Ňere Slar.

We insitc the attention of the teackers of tho Maritime Pruvinces to the abcure referenco to thia jon:asl.

Wo in New Branswick would glally co-operate with the teachers in cither or loalh the other Maritime Provinces in conducting a journal devoted to clacation.
This is but the enterng.wodge of what.wo hopn to sce in time one of tho lest supported and influcatial educational journals in Capaila.
Some of the Ontario school jouranls are well managed and would fill the bill if wellived in Ontario.

The Boand of Fiducation has so amended the regulation relating to the summer vacation that schools in cities and incorporated towas shall reopen on the thine JIouday in August, and all other schools on the first Monday in August. This amendment comes into effect at once.

## INSPECTORAL DISTRICTS.

The following are the school inspeetoral districts as recently revised by the Board of Education:-
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## REWARDS ANH PUNISHNRNTSS.


There is and can bo no dispute as to the necessity of revrarde and punishments, bat there ming bo a difference in the miads of indiridunle as to the forms they tany take, to the extent they max be carried and to the causes which call for diem. Without them there can bo no lave nad uicy are coustantly appealed to by the law of conscience. A school cannot bo conducted efliciently without thent. In the minds of children the senso of right sud wmag are but imperfectly doveloped and they musi feel that there is a gratification in the performance of duty. In order to gire them this feellog of gratification thoy must hastimulated by the hope of remard in some ono of its forma. But reFurds must be restrained to suit the temper and the physical ability of the children. They inust also bo kept in their proper place, that is in a piaco of strict subjection to the higher motives. It would be casy to raise them in the opinion of children so that-they would regard them as tho end of their conduct. They may be attentiva and obedient, but their attention and obedicace might be given simply for the hope of gaining some tangoble reward. In like manacr thes might bo induced to give their attention or to be obedicat from the fear of some threatened punishment. These stimulants aro often misused, and it is hard to say thich is the most debasing government of a school-by bithery or by compulsion.

Rowards and punishments ahould be excreised in moral as rell es intellectual conduct. But it is too common to confino them solely to the mental abilty, thus leaving out of sight the importance of morility in the pupils. Now, in my mind, habita of good moral conduct are ot moro importanco and should stand in a higher estimation with the teachcr than the mero intelligent anske ing of questioni. A great deal of discretion should be used bs the tereher to cetermine in which direction the pupil seeds a stimulus. Rewards and punishments should be regolated to suit the capacity of the different pupils, A pupil should not receivo a ropard simply becauso be outstrips all the other pupils in his clase, nor should the others be punished becauso their intellectual facultics are not so keen as his. The samo can be said of the moral side of the question. Somo are naturally good, while others have to cultirate the halit of being good. Therefore rewards and punishments should bo given according to what a pupil lins made himscelf not accorling to what nature has made him.
Rewards and panishments maj be natural o: artificial. By the natural re mean the plensures or inconveniences which siturally arise from actions. Thus the habit of being truthful in a child gires cenfdencejn his word, whilo on the other hand falechood leads us to distrust him. U'der the natural may also be included yraise and censure.
The artificial are so calied becauso they do not of necessity spring out of the actions mith which thoy are connectod. There are two of theso artificial rewards in uso in schools, viz. : the arrangement of pupils in classes according to their merits, and the giring of prizcs. The first of these is by no means essential to tho successiful management of a school, allthough it may be used with good effect. Insanuch as its inducnce is felt by the wholo school it has a decided adrantago orer tho giring of prises. Prizes are not within the reach of all Who descre them, and oals a for of the smarter ones can obtain them. Thus their cffect on the clase as a whole is lost, for tho class soon finds who aro she oinca likely to obtain them and tho remainder sivo up the contcest, thus they tend to discourzge competition throughout the closs as a whola.
Certifcates are another form of rewarda in ure in "echooke' 'If these aro modifed to auit the
capacity of the school for which they aro intesuled thẹr seems to bo no reason liby they should not hava a bepelicial cifect on tho diligeaco and good conduct of the school. They are nomotimes of a beneft to tho holder aftor be leaves school, to helph him get a position in business, and thus thoy have an important effect upon his future suceess in life.
Punishments ueed in schooln aro of three rinde, impositions, corporpl, and expulsion. Impositiona are applicable to offences which are incidental to class work. If a pupil comes in late he may be kent in at some of his play hours, but the tencher should always bo cureful to ascertain to what extent it is the pupil's own fault. Inattention is a fault which miny loo but a uateral weakness in tho case of soung chiliren. But it sometines cxhibits itself in the caso of elder pupils. The teacher should then examine himself and sec if it is not in part attributable to his own management of the school. Having satis. fied himself that his management is comparatively good he may resort to the private udmonition of the puril, or to giving lim a lower placo in tho class, and, in exceptional cases, he may sit the pupil aside directly under his oye. Imposition may also le practiced in regard to lact of preparation.
Corporal punishment and expulsion abould bo used only in very ceceptional cases; but cascs will ariso in which thes will have to bo resorted to for the benefit of the sebool as a whole. If a pupil is morally bad, and zersists in his bad habits aiter all the milder means havo been resorted to, tho teacher may use corporal punishment, and if this fails in its object tho last means of all, viz. explusion, must bo resorted to in order that the morais of the nther pupils may not bo corrupted. Butall punishments, whaterer form thes take, should bo reformatory, that is, they should seck to reform the wrong-docr. Hence, in summing up we sce the propriety of connecting rewards and punishments in regard to the government of a school.
The murards should be the positive application of the lovo of activits, lore of knowledge, loro of approbation aid the moral pleasures; the punishments the negative application of the samo motives.

CULTIVATING A TASTR IN PUPILS FOR SOUND ENGLISI LITERATURE.
 CRAPYAS, A. II

It has been well said that the prime object of cducstion is to make good cilizens. So thought our lefislators who gave us frce schools. Industry, in. eclligence and moralley are of the highest inpportnace. Whatever might bo sald of the ballads of a country then they constifuted the ctice liternure of the inseses, it secms erldent now that he mho writes the lifenture of a country need care little who makes the laws.
With mady a gouth there is no inatrument so porrerful in forming the character ns the readiog matter that falls lato his hands. It may cxert such an induence for good or for cril that unless it bo worth reading our isbour in his bchalf will be worso than uscless; for the porecr that knoriledge beis given him mas bo used likon weapon fa ihe hands of a manlac to briag about his own destruction. It will be readily admitted that the mind, like ths body, mooris by echat lifocdion; that the beat girion to its carly plastic state is the one it is likei; to follor in after ycart: that the boy unconsclously bocomes liko the bero in the talo which ho: reads With regard to tho reading of tho sensstional novel; It rill also be advitted that cach lndividual has only a limited stack of energi, and such is the " $\infty$. sclation of forces in man, that the more that is spent in mere fecling, leares so much tho less for thoseght, will and action. The " lurory of pity, as an emotion, cading in itself or at best in tears and a
long breath," may be so indulged in as to becomo morbld, selfith panalon, allkodegrading and oxhatist. fing, whlle the active priniclplo of plty, à a mitice to relleve culferidg and diatress, may be almost ranting.
Tho work $r$ ? tho teacher is to direct the activitics of the pupil in proper channels, so that there may be no waste, but that all his energles may be productive Wo should atrivo to cultivate such a tasto for what is pure and elevating on the great "1ilgh. ways of Literature" that when onco on that road the pupll will not turn asido to prog on the worth. less garbago of the gutter.
In the few subrestions whlch I shall mako on some of the meaus uf atisertiog ithend, I would say that consideriog its importance wo should make the object itself a special one, nnd then wo rill, perLaps, find more mesne at our command than we would have thoughi poselble. In fact the falthful and earnest performauco of our duty as oratem. plated bs tho course of instruction, will go very far towards securing the desired resule.
Our school readers contaln a valuable treasury o: liternturo which fer, I think, haropyer fulls exhausted. I would strongly emphasize tho poldt that irom the very first tho punil bo ifado to understand erery sentence that is read. To securo this, I have sometimes thouglat it best not to take up every les. son in order as it occurs in the book, when I found one that I considered bejond the capacity of the class. I would further recommend an carlier and more general uso of tuo dietlomary than I think commonly provalls. Then, when the pupll fully understands what he rends, (and we can test this by requiring him to seproduce tho meaniog fin his otra Fords, or if far cnough advanced, to write abstracts of it). When ho has been tsught to notico thio exeel. lences of thought and style, and has memorixed tho cholco selections of poctry, a grest step will havo been galned. Other "gems of poetry," not found In the readers, may io written on the blackboand; or given as dictation exerclies, and then stored in the memorv whence, lko houschold words, they will never moro depart
What a store of noblo thoughta and moral precepts can in this way be giren nlmost Incidentally. $\Delta$ certain wriler, who recommends this practice. says: "The llterature of the world cmbodies a unlrersal moral crecd. At the slurine of noule thoughts thio devotees of all creeds may bow as brothers" Uslog theso in this way we will be accomplisb. ing a two-fold object. Wo will bo giviog insifucuon in moral actions and habits, and wo will be furnishing the pupll with such a draiught from the foustain of higher literature as sball produce per haps all through his lifo a longing to return to that " old orken buckel" whoso pure waters refiesh without intoxicating.
Have wo not all felt, ns mocamalo contact. Fith the thoughts of a great author, how

## The tldal traro of deeper ionl: Into our inmost being roils, And lifte us unatrarea

It is said shat the Arabs of old were wont to teack their goung the uidgiog theoghts of their pocis under tho nowic of "unstring pearle" Ict us follow thelr example and give our papils somo of tho binght gems with whlch our litereturo abounds, so thit they too will long to bocome divers in the xame great ocesn.
Thed, asain, In the Jeeful Knowledge Iesson, prorition Is made for a ground work in Natural Scleace, -is subject which is jastly becomlog, fora and more popular. Pupils when trained to obscroc and classify objects of the anlmal. vegetable or mincral word will wish to know moro sbout them and will be In a position to read with intelligence Forks on thesa sobjects, and acguaint themelres Fith the wondere of the creation. And this loads mo to think of angother fastrument of groat import-anct-a good schiool lurärs. Such s llbrary, con tainíg the standand pocts, blogrisphies, xorks on scicnce, irarcl and fction, woutd aflórd an opportunlity for both teacher and pupfl to carry out tho lorgoing hints. But in most districts therc is
notblog of tho kind, and Iifoar wo teachore aro largely to blame. Fow of tho ratopayers know that tho governmeat makes a grant of half tho annount ralsed by the district. Let ua try and Impress upon tho Truatces the Importanco of it, get the pupils to agltato il, and, if possiblo, get a amall sum at legst voted for that purpose bt the noxt Anaual School Mectugg. She teacher may often uso his Ir flucace outaido tho achool by tatroduciog wholesomo read log matter in a locality, formiug realing cluls, aud calligg tho atteation of parents to tho utter worth lessacss and josilive syll of readiag many of the periodicals and nowspajers of tho day.
Theso aro soluv of tho means I would recommend for improssing puplls with tho vastriess and the wealth of our liferatiro-a literature that contains the girnered wit. wlodom and experienen of the noblest and best of maakind in the past. It has bocn the reant of tho unremitting toll and self. denial of tho prosld's mental morkera And thas lucritage, so " rich rith the spoils of time, ${ }^{n}$ is ours Let us strivo :hat thoso in our caro do no ${ }^{+}$sell their birthright of caduring joys for the templing but temponary delight of a 'mess of pottage.'

## WUERE?

Where an these scr-sola? Do you recogntia them from your expericace or observa:!on?
"Courses of study in the common branches are becoming greatly slmplified and curtasled, and at the rame tlam medo much more effective for all rational purposes. Instruction in reading, writing. spelling, history and geography, and, to somo oxtent, physiology and tho natural sciences, is being brought into four school extrelsce, reading, writlo:conversation and drawing. The old reading bouks are being discarded, and the teacher, instead puts into the hands of the pupils bistories and narratives of cavels, abundanily illuztrated with maps, maga utuc and acwspaper articles, contalning historical natratives and accounts of passing events; and natural objects, as playts, insects, minerals, cte, are maric objects of oxamination. Tho scholars afterwards write and converse of what they have read or examined. Thus they learn to express their understanding of what has been read, or of what they have obserped, in correclly writien sentences, and in clcarly spoken oral explanationa. Mapdrasp. ling. skotching and diagraming are mado to take a full part in all theso excreiser. By such practico in reading, writing, speaking and drawing, attention, thought and bsndiworix go together. The pen, pencil or crayon-being constantly in hand, the pupils leara to writo as readily as thoy apeak, and spelliog comes by practice. Wriling and conver sation are curried on under constant criticism by tescher and clasmate.
"Under this system, without the study of tho spelliog book, the pupil learns to write without mis. spelliogi without the study of grammer, he learns to put his ideas fato sentencos on paper, with cor rectiess a ad facilltry.

- With a shortcnod course in aritbmotic, the pupil is mado proficient, quict and socurato in all calculations pertaining to the common busiaces of ufe; made competent to enter and posi accounts, to make a business statcmeat, or write a blll, note or reccipt to mako a mesasuremest, and show correctly the ares, or the contents ingallons or bushels. -Report Conmiltse on Education, Ravasa Granga

Persoraz-3If. G. U. Hay is spending a por tion of his holidays on the islands of Shippegan and aliscous.

Frinkricton-Deny ditd Duam Ingtitution.Tbe acandalous chargea made last wíter oy Mr. Ab. cll againstistr. Woodbridga of tho abovo school haric on investigation bece declared groundless.

In the पnited Slates erery tro-hundrodth man takes a college course; in England, orers five hupdröth; in Scotlaipd, orcry six hondred and fiftecinth; And in Gerwans, ererg ono hundred ind thirtecuth.

Manners are not morals, but theyaro rery closely connected with them. A person of goorl moml claaracter may havo eareless mauners, but not often, for profiteness is the essence nexi soul of morality, and a realij dapreite person canaut lo a good person. Politeness cavoot bo leurund in a bull room, or taught from a book. It comes fromi tho decip fountun of tho human soul. It is often said to pupis: " Bo jolite," meanlag. 'Be mannerly." The old command was, "Mind your manuers." "SInke your manners." That was tho right idea; but when a pupil is con manded to be polite, he is told to cause the impulses of his naturo to be moved by jnstincts of helplulness and kuadncss, A society smilo is full of bypocrisy, and often covers up tho depthof its selfish motives. $\Lambda$ polito teacher is ono who is tho most sympathetic and helpulul teacher. A polite pupil is one whose motres goout from, not intu, himscif a polite alucation is the best educativa a human being can recence. Inatin will not give it. Greck has not got it. It docst't livo with muthemutics. It's God.given, and cance from, and gues to, heaven. school Journal.

Tue rnst progress of ecienco forces upon the attertion and the limo for crlucation new and im. perious demands. Tho English touguo is rich in the worky of Its writers, poets, and orators, beyond comparison with that literaturo which existed in the eaventerenth century. The Iatin, onco ute only language of the leamal men of Europo, has lost this pinglion, and it is not to be regaince. Tho mental iraining afforded by its study tud that of tho Greek mill bo the same as of old; yet perhaps that trateiug may bo sought and found elsemthere. But I do not fear that the mighty instrument of thought aud speech in which Cicero urged and persuaded, or tha: In which एemusthence thundered orer Greceo, ate to be throma asldo as broked and useless. The relative importance of studics varics; proportlons change. Eren if it stall be found that thesostudies occupy a less prominent place among the "huma-nities,"-as they are sometimes termed, which make the lasis of a liberal education,-tho cirilizod world, Fhose common property thay are, is not ready to do without thezn yet.-Judge Charke Denens.

The French librarics which ure open to the public con!ain about $5,000,000$ rolumes.
The Cnirersity of Heidelberg is 500 years oldthe senior of the German Universitics
$\Delta$ new High school is shortls to be erected at Itegina, the sum of $\$ 30,000$ having been roted for school purposcs by the Board of Education. A portion of this sum will to deroted to providing the new school building nith maps, apparatus, cte A praisoworthy enterpise is shown by the boand in thorougbly establishing a school systcm on a most liberal basis.
With a directioss characteristic of the Iono Siar State the Texas School Journal bays: After a fair test if you and rou do not lore to teach, it is bette: for jou and the schools that you try another profession. You will do less harm by losing.lar cases, or by administering the wrong modicinc than by continuing in tho business of bankruptiag young minds.
An exchange makes the following query which calls attcation to a curnous defect in the modern cducational system:-" Nicarly ercery physicing in the country now graduates from a medical school; about half tho ministers are from thoological scm:inaries; and very fcw of tho lawyers attead the law school, and yet the law is usually ranted as
tho head of the learaed professions. What is the sigelifasec of this 9"

The Whitby Chroniclo says:-"At tho next meeting of the Uxbridgo School Board Mrr. Crosby will introduce a motion to reduce the salarics of tho Public school teechers." Tho best thing that Uxbridgo School board can do is to roto down the motion, and the best thing the Uxbridgo cloctore can do is to lesye 3ifr. Crosby at homo nest trip. Tho man who likes to poss. beforo the public as a retenchment and relorm" statesman ahould bo
aroided. Teachers, as anale, are miscrab)y paid,"
and every effort should bo directed towards beir tering their salarics nud not towards reduciog them to tho mero living point.
Supt. W. T. Howard, of Colfax county, Nol., urges upon school directors tho beneftes arisiag Irons employing teachers for the full sear, instead of tem by term. It would certainly seem that no engarencint ought to bo entered into without suficicnut investgation to justify at least a year's contruct. A teacher who is good enough for threo months 19 good enough for a year. Ilow long will it be beforo dimetors discover that temprary eutployments mako it utterly inupassiblo to develop good schools ?- Weatern sciool Juurnal.
Writing of eicetive studics. Joses Mrerrill sars: -If a senior bifty ycara ago was allowed, by rigbt, the privitege of choosing his studics, on account of lis ago and acquisitions, a sophomoro ought to bo graned the privilege to-das. The averago age of candidates admitted to Harvaril in 1830-Gity-six years azo-wns 163 years. The averago not is nearly, if not quite, 181 years. If you take out a fow of tho oldest men, say sia or cight, in calculating the averago age of classes in those days, it would bo much lower. Taking out a proportional number of the classes of to-day, the avorge ago number of the classes of to-day, the avarago ago
would uot be materially ehnoged. It was not an would uot bo materialy chnged. It was not an
uncomnon thing for boys of 13 and 14 , in those days to bo members of thic freshman clases. It has now becoino a notable exception.

The Now Eugland Journal of Eilucation, in a sigorou article quito agrees with the sentiments expressed regarding "Honorary degrees" in this column last wrek. Wo yuote a for pertincnt par-. agraphs:-Tho degree of B. A. and S. D. usually represcatan appreciable amount of real attainment; but M. A. in most colleges signifies, mencly, that its recipient has managed to live three jears after his graduation, and that he is able to iavest frc or ten dollars in the diploma. A doctorato in dirten uoliars in the diploma. A doctorato in dirprecend to to learned men in any proper sense of the word. To be rich, or cloqueat, or influential; to bo the pastor of a rich church, or cren to lo tho favoured pastor of some slagle rich parishioner often furnishes a sufficient motire to induce our college board to admit a man to the degreo who has no other titlo to it, The doctorato in laws is somewhat more rarely conferred, but with hardly mor regard for appropriatcaess. Any knosiledgo of law has long ceased to be cescotial. As a siga of literary nttasnment in general, it is by no means infallible 1 successful politician, a good military officer, or a prominent civilian, often becomes the recipient, fer reasons wholly aside from any literary merit. Some of our langer colleges shonld establiah a rule rigidly demanding evidence of ral merit as a condition of honorary degrees.
After all, the efficiency of the school system depends upoa school superintendents. The duties assignod them by law are mans; and thoso which derolve upon them in an active administration of their ofices cannot be coumeratod. Thos and tho lifo of the srstem; ayd it is their provinua cither to make the schools a power for good in their jurisfiction or to render them obnoxious even to thair best fricnds. $\rightarrow \boldsymbol{R}$. 1 . Farr, Suph, Viryinuz.

## QTESTION DEPARTMCENT.

Knowiag Fell that a large number of tonctiers through tho country can potreach all tho books that are nccessary is referenceis, the Jocrivaz will cina. tain a column derored to the answering of quastions. It is desirable that the questions be statea particilar's and writteri legibly to avoid any mistatice occurring in the answers. The questions should bo confined to school-work and not to general subjocti, as this paper is to be purely a school journal In openlog this colamin it is necesesery to have thí hearty cooperation of teachers to inake it a sucuéss. Any question on theory will bo answered laitho editorisl columons. All questions will be answered as promptls as thoy can be, but ric do not bind oúr eclecs to answer in the nort ispro after secolpt of question. The same privilege is oxtended to subscribers other thai icachers. All commonications should: Lo addreised "Qüistrion Deriaktaceŕr," Jodigeal of Epication, St Jokd, N. B.

How large do our fresh rater lobsters grow 9 Would they livo in salt watcr! In what local.
itics ane' they found; and how should thoy bo
clessincd?

## INDUSTRIAL EDUCATTON.

The following is cilipect from the rejourt of John March, Eish., A. M., Bujecrintordent of the Sh. Johu levard of Scliool Trustecs:-
In closlog my report, thero ls ono subject to which I ask the attention of the lloand of School Trustces, and of all who take a deep Interest in the educational melfare of the young. The subject of Industrin! Education is ono of growiog finportance, aud tho school authorltes in many places aro carefully cuastdering ways in which it may bo curried on, and the extent to which the common publle school can be used in its interest Intelligent obsurvere have noted the fact that tho great boely of the pooplo have to apead most of thatir llves in industrial pursults. Between the position of the day laborer and that of the learned professlons, nugo the masses who secure their livelihool as mechanics, manufacturces, merclaves, and farmers. Tho bystem of apprenticeship, which formerly prevalied, has almost entirely passed awny, and in order that tho industines of our country and thme may be properly protected, and tho welfare of our youth be consersed, it lecomes necessary to adopt some scheme by which an effective snbstituto maj we provided. The rapld progress waich tho cause of common education has made within the last quarter of a century, the widening out of the curricule of our achools, the provisions made for all classcis to accure the bighest advantagen which are open to well intormed minds, the limproved methods of instruction, and the ambition of soutbful midads begotcin by all these, to bo and clo something in advance of the gencration which preceded them, must fall of reaching tho best resules from a national and patriotic standpoint, unless there is incorpomiton with our common school syatems, some jprovision by which the dignity of 3 killed jabour and akilled workmen can bo malnt dined. When from four to seren ycars of hard we sh and careful training were deemed requisito to prepare a youth for protlable entrance upon the practical duties of any craft, tho prosition of a billled artisan was one sought after and tighly prixed by the masses of the peuple. But with the overthrow of this sybtem the fatacious im provion is belig crentod that littlo or no education is ropuired to be a mectanic, and the ordinary school boy aspires to a higher avocation. The batural result is to thl the trarkshops nf the country with persons of untrained minds nad unskitheal bands, whilst what are known as the bigher professions ame overxtocked with material which would lave served a better purpose if put to other and more practical usces
Io not a feis cities of the United States and Eing. land ue idea. of making the Industrial School an sdjunet of the public school system hase takeu a decp and permanept hold, and wisa the most encouraging prospects of success. The olject sought is zimply to give instruction and practice in the use of tools is connection with tho study of mathemallas. drawing, and otber English branches of an adranced sebowl course. This includes carpentry. wooct turaine, pallern-making, forge work, brazing and soldering, and the use of anachine shop iools.
In ull pinces where this kind of Inatruction lias beca given, it has been found thit the finterest and cnergy of the pupils have been greatly developed, and inat the varicty it nflords has been moss bene fiçia io sumula:ing to increased ciforts in erery branch of stady. Applications for corolment in the industrial classes hare come not oaly from those to thom'tho trained use of the cyc and tho hisnd is a nocicasars, preparation for the mechanical arts, in which thir lircs are to be ypent but pupils belong. ing to famillés whoso social prition leads them to seck distinction in the bigher walks of culucstion and the licarned profesisions, have entercd whith rect sod ardor Into the. $\begin{gathered}\text { ork assignod them with sratify- }\end{gathered}$ lig results-the benericial influcnoc of suchoccopa tion cxtcoding to mind and bods.
tion cricading to mind and bods. the jotroduction of spectal training In the indastrinl pursuits of life as a part of tho common School system of this Prorince or not is a question that may not be anmortay of considcration. In view of what is beiog accompinhed in this dimetion in othacr communl. ties, and the growlog needs of our people, It invilea carefol cqquiry and, if found to lo as productive of sood results ras its rulvocates claim, should be specdiy cagrafted upon our own cauceutaznl
in order that all who wish may enjoy its frults.

## SUAIER VICAMION.

Thu Bunnd of Filucation liasleren pleased to mako tho following Order amending Iegulations $103(2)$ (3) :-
(2) Thero stinll vo $n$ summor vacallous in all scliools extending from June 30th till tho frat 3 Ionday In August. bit in rurul districts subject tospring
 tho lsoard of Trusices, yaring first ovinloal the formal approval in wittlug of hie Inspector, may per. nal approval in writug of the ynspector, may tho prolo of tho gummer vacation to nilt a part or the whole of tho summer vacation to notify tho Culef Superintentent of cach approval notify the bilal
(8) In clties and incorpornted towns, organixed under Scc. 1055 (School Slanual), the nummer vacaton shall extend from Juue 30 th till tho third Slondas in August; thero shall also bo an Enster vacation (beginning on Gool Fride 5) of turea dajes the samo belag week days other than Saturdays. Theso prov. isions apply also to tho schools in tho towns of B . Androws, Challam and Nicricaslle.

Wn. Crockrr,
Chief Supt Education
Education Ofice, Frederictun N. 13.
July $02 \mathrm{~h}, 1888$
P. S.-The abovo provisluns take effect during the current year.
W. C.

Who is the laborer $\{$ The man who works ten hours a day with his bands, or the man who works sixteen with his brain i Thero is a great gush of sentiraent just now for the manual laborer, as though ho who toitcd with his liands is more of a slave than he who carns his bresd by the sweat of his brain. Thought rules the world. Thought built the engines that consumes the coal that runs hundreds of millions oi wheels. It is thought that created the unaumbered wants of civilizationi. Thought is the greatest of all laborers, and yet in the organization of the Knights of Lalor, no inventor or cditor, or logicinn, or orztor, or statcsman woukl be admitted-no mun who docs not toil, with his hands to carn his daily bread. Who is more of a day laborer than tho teacher? Who deserves higher recognition, or more just treatment? Who moukds thought or slupes tho destinies of the world more than he 1 What are cardrivers compared with pedagogues, or enginecrs compared with school-masteray from the teachcr's brain come the materinls for work, all fasllioned for cffective action. But notwithstazding all thi, who ever henrd of a "teachens" strike," or a secret organization nanied "The Knights of the Spelling-Brok $r^{r}$ It would surpass the wildest drenm of the poct's inagination to suppose that nay considersble number of teachers had banded together in a compact sostrong as to stop teschiós at the instant when ordered by a superior oflicer, only te resume as quickly when the order was given. Why is such an organization se utterly inconceivablo? Simply because teachersare too intelligent to be so Jed. Brain workers will netcr. organize for a strike. They have organized but it is for the purpose of finding how they can increase the quality of their mork. Its quantity can ncither be augmented nor over-cetimated. There are thousands of wrongs they lear rather than fly to those they know not of. for they know that the one discase at the root of all tho ills of their lives will becured riben men como to appreciate the thought-producing $r$ )wer of the uesrla. The land without the school-master is tho land without roork.-The School Journal.

Out of 303 colleges in this country, 105 usc the Homan, 114 the English, and 34 tho continental pronounciation of Latin.
An immense number of lirds of all ahades and colors, on their way to the north, wero attracted one night recently by the greatelectric light of the Cuicago Board of Trade, and instantly killed as they rouched it. The roof of the tower and tho sidomallis nnd strocts, wero corered with desd bisds.

## GIVE GOOD TEACHING A CIIANGE.

There has been legislation enuugh for poor teachers and proor teacking. Give tho good teuchers a chancel Tho teatimony of countless good teachers has been uniform in thio respoct. When asked, "Why don't you do better work " "Why don't you uso the methods tnught in normal schools, and ndrocated loy educational peri. cdical, and books ? Tho answer ls, "We cnanot do it. Iook at our course of study. In threo weeks, or monthe, these chilidren will be examined. We hare not ono moment of tisno to spend in real teaching!" No wonder that teaching is a tredo and not an art! No wonder there is littlo or no demand for books upon the science and ast of teaching, such as "Payne's Lectures," ctc. Tho demand axcel by examiners is for crmm, and not for an art; and so long as the demand exists, so long will the teacher's mind shrivel and dwarf in the overlasting treadmill that har no beginning or cnd, and the more it turas the moro it creaks! So long, too. will this tinkering of immortal souls go on! Tenchers often complain of their social yosition, their salarics, and tho lack of bympathy in tho public. "The fault" dearteachers, "isnot in our stars, lut in oursclves, thent we ase underlings." Instend of stubbornly standing, and obstinately denging that thero is no need of reform, and that all so-called nert methods aro worthless; let us honcstly; caracstly, praycriully study the great science of teaching. Let us learn, and courageously apply the truths that shall set us free; and the day will soon cone when the teacher will lead socicty and mould opinion.-sichool Journal.

## FLOWELIX MSADOWS.

fhof. w. Whithan halley.
The ox-cye daisies are no duubt. a greal pest in tho furmers, but wo could ill spare them• from our meadows nud wasto placess still bander would it bo to resign tho niegninecur lludbecklas, with their golden stais. There is nothing flaer in tho long cataloguo of summer flowers.
To-day we saw a group of children weaving the white duisics into wreaths, nad so happy tat their occupation that we longel tis join them and forger the cares of teaching They were half-hidden in the tall grass wheld, lexides being adomed with daisics, actually glenned math galnaics of geaden buttercups; or blushed with clover-tops. Through tiv grass, too, appeared the royal lasnner of Iris, our own fleur-de.lis, and the brown and rods of sorrel. The whole ficld was one like that which proved fatal to Pereeprone.
Soon the old stonc-walls witl bloom out with wild roscs, the sinplest and most exquisite of all Juna's many favors. Who would not be s chlld, to fashion chains of dandelions anddnisics? Is theroanything chat we mould in after-life more durable? We blow thie fcathers of davdclion 10 the wlad, and haffImarine that the messenger maj cross the border of that better land where our dearer flowers awalt our coming! Alh! that wo could send semas tolen by. the winged yicreury, or recclise somerhatio returp. There is endess clisnge about us, but the result is iffo and lecauty. Nothing is lost, though much be hideden.

There can no good-taching without a good method.
The expreasion of thought uhould be reganded as a primary objoct in intellectual cducation. $-E x$.
Be not over anxious for haste in results if what you teach is permanent in thought, memory, or process, then it will repas cren a good deal of time in the preparation.

It is far moro profitable to do a small amount of work zell than to ntcmpt to cover 200 much. ground. If a pupil can dovoto but four scars to the study of arithmetic, it is far moro bencscial to spend the shole time on. the firit half of the text book, if thereby an accurate knowledge can be gainod, than to cover tho riole book in the hopo of gaining credit for keeping up rith a fellow pupil, and thereby jassorer the work superficially:

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## BEIAMINATION J'A PBRS

III. [1] Tkicinso anil sultom. Time 2 hrs. binaubment.

1. Describe your mode of teaching tho arst atepos of rending.
 ber (2) of fractions
2. Name the merrs you would cmploy with a view of securing correct language on the part of sour pupils.
3. Descrike the menne you woutd adops to maho your pupila good penmen.
4. State in what was you propose to deal wilh Inpils who como with uapreparce lessons
day for llow much time rould you bet apart per day for cach of the following subjects:-Rrading,
Writing, Arithmetic? (R) Name threc other subjects Wring, Arithmetie? (a) Name thre other subjects
and staio the time per cay you would devote to cach? IIL. [2] BCHOOL Bystex. Time 30 min.
5. Name the threo sources of support for schools. (1) Time Tables? (2) Temperature of tho school roomy (3) Yentiationy (4) Public Fixaminations? (3) School Ieturas:
6. When is tbe annual school meeting held? Who can voto at such mectiogs? At what hour must all Can voto at such meeting
7. When do the school terms legin and endt
8. When do the school terms legin and codt
j. What is the provision in ald of (i) scliool libr j. What is the provisio
ricat (2) Poor districts?
9. II. etill [5] casadian metory. Time 1 hr .
10. Give the opening and closing dates of each of the thre periods lato thich Cunadlan History in usinally divided. (2) Namo nhe leadlang features of one of theso periods.
11. Writo a brief necount of the Destruction of

Port looyat, or of the first capture of (evebere.
3. Irietly dessribo one of the following events: Aroostook War, Paplncau's İebellion, Astburton Treaty, Surreniler of Cornwalls, Expulsion of the Acadians.
4. By whom and under what circumstances were
the following placcs founded:-Quebec, Malifax, Ealnt Jomn, Frcdericton, Louisturs:
8aint John, Fredericton, Louisburs:
Jiamcah, Executive Counct, Privy Council, ConfedJiament, Executive Counch, Privy Council, Confel-
cration, Hesponsible Governantur, British North cration, hespo
1II. [0]
mitasu nistois. Time 1 hr .

1. Name the leadlug ovente in Euglish IIlstory durig the Roman Period.
2. (1) What klogs rerc most successfu! in resist ing the Daces? (2) Give a brief account of the truggic?
3. (1) What is meant by he Magna Chara? (2) What causes led te its betne drnwn up: (i) Whas steps were taken to compel fo king to siga it
4. (1) What is meant by the Commonircalio? (2) How long did it last: (3) Saune the chic! crents during this period.
5 (1) Name the sovereigns of the House of Bruss wick: (2) What hare beco tbe leading. features duriag this period? (3) Give a brief account of the rejga of one of these Sorcreigas.

5. What are Lhe dilferent kinds of Collon, Linen, Wool and Sllk? Name the chief seats of their manulacture.
6. Describe tho following metal, and state the uses of each. Lead. Tid, Zinc, Mercury.
7. From what sources or materals are the following common tuings derived. Ink. Papcr. Indis Rubber. Parchment, Glass, slecel?
8. State what yon know about Cork, Sponge, Coral.
9. Show why attention to the ventiation of schoolrooms is necessary.
III. [8] Confosition. Time 1 hr .
10. Correct where pccessery tho following.-Ho is not older than me. Ho weat to the woods and was lost. Ho bought the book at Black's, the publlaher. It had not ought to be He is not yet here; he ought to Fo does onot speak good. Ho is the same boy who I ssw at the concert, ithink. 1 am well posted in the rules of grammar.
11. Put the following passage into prose form:And now a gallant tomb they raine
Fith conkis ectiptures decked;
And marbies, siariod with his
12. Form a complex sentenco, haring the rord animale as she subject of the principal clausc.
13. Write a letuer to the secrecary of a Boand of School Trustces in anstror to an sdvertisernemi for a teacher.
(Do not put your orn uame so the letter).
1IL. [0] ENoLish ornisar Time $1 / \mathrm{hr}$.
14. Glie the gencral and particular analysis of the tollowing sonicoco -I nm sorfy, friend, thot my ressel to arrady ciaten, and that i cannot therefor sull pith the son of the man who eroved my father.
15. Varse the words in thalics in tho foregoling sentenc:
16. In how many ways may aujectlves becompared Glvo cramples.
17. Glve the lifrd person singular of ench tense of tho Indicative nicod of tho verb go.
18. Defino tho folloving :-Transitice rerb, abstract noun, adiero, conjurction, and givo an cxamplo of cach.
19. Give tho anast tense and past participlo of tho following veris:-Mly, make, weto, write, sif, stard.
III. [10] enolisil hitaratule Time 1 hr .
20. From what authors aro tho following quots tiuns madu:-
(a) :i Yet beautiful and hright ho stood
(l) As Lorn to rule the storm. "He careth not for the winter wild
(c) Nor thoso deaert regionu chill,"
(c) I hail thotiono ol lorere
(d) "So ntooping down ma
(c) "Wha cannot ait upright". needs ho must
(e) "There wan joy in the ohip es sho furrowed For fond hearts within her wese dreaming of howe.
21. Qupta two stanzas from " 1 he Loss of the Royal

Goorge." Put thought in the following stanza lato words of your own:
"What time the daisy decks tho green
Thy certain voico wo hear
Or mark the rolling year?
4. Explain the followiog ilalicizal words and phrases:-
"Thou ficat the rocal rale"
"The whito cills mieling the breeze Are pirroral In thanso zummers seasn

(3) "lucher and aladric tichly dight.

1II. [11]
Ahithanetic. Time 1 hr .30 min . Exhibit the work.

1. Tho sciling price of a property was 80.894 , the gain was 81993 ; what was the cost prico?
a How many times will a wheel $151 / 2$ feet in cir cumference tura in ruaning one milet
3 Bought apples at the rate of 5 for 7 cents; hors much did 1 nay ior 4 dozen?
2. Reduce 1 acre, 2 yards, to feet, and prove the correctaces of your answer uy reversing the process 5 . Reduco sou and 1.125 to vulgar fractions; muanipy them together in that mommplying the dectmals as they stand
3. Shom that 3.11 of $\left(79+1 \frac{1}{3}\right)$ is equal to $1 / 5$ of 203 divided by 103 .
dajs, in what canc could 8 wall 50 yards long in 12 dajs, in what dme could 8 men build o wall $2-5$ of that length?
4. In Y65t metres, how many decametres? How many hectometres? How many centlmetres? How many decimetres:
5. A bankrupt is allowed to cancel all his debt by paying to cents on the dollar: what did he owe to a person to whom he pald $\$ 1500$.
N. B. -8 Questions make a full paper.
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