

Sunday School system was entirely inadequate to supply the needs of the child, therefore of the nation which they are to become in the future. The great question before the people of Canada to-day is, "Shall our Public Schools be allowed to train up a race of educated heathen in which 'morality' is taught 'incidentally', or shall we demand of them the Bible as a necessary educational text-book in the schools of a Christian nation?" And surely Canada is a Christian nation.

The great event discussed in school and playground, at church and market, in newspaper and magazine, is the friendly alliance between the two great Anglo-Saxon powers of the world, which seems to be culminating as a force in the development of the present into a future filled with the most brilliant possibilities for the human race. It is not very well known that years ago the idea of an Anglo Saxon union was ably advanced and elaborated by Mr. John Redpath Dougall, of Montreal, in a splendid article in one of the English Reviews, and it must now be pleasant for the modest editor of the *Witness* to hear all that is being said of the alliance, years after he had made a careful study and forecast of the commercial and political aspects of the relationship between Britain and the United States. The movement is the most inspiring of the times and, though there are modest premonitions of storm in the little breaths of anxiety that blow from various quarters, there is a possibility of the alliance being matured into a treaty signed by both powers. These feeble premonitions, it may be said, are for the most part indicated in the trade jealousies and the Irish question, and nobody seems to care much to enter at any great length upon the close examination of these influences for the present.

It is a sad phase of child life to read

the following in the light of the way of living even in our own large cities, where the idea of Prohibition is never likely to be viewed favorably by a majority of the ratepayers :

For some time the General Purposes Committee have been considering a resolution passed by the managers of the Waldron Road group of schools, calling attention to the fact that the work, which at great cost was being done in the schools to promote the mental and moral training of the children, was being undone to a very large extent by their being familiarized with the sights and sounds which were invariably associated with public-houses. The managers, therefore, urgently requested the licensing magistrates of Wandsworth to express a strong condemnation of the sale of intoxicating liquors to children attending the Elementary Schools of the district. The committee recommended that a communication should be made to all the licensing magistrates within the jurisdiction of the Board, expressing the Board's strong condemnation of the sale of intoxicating liquors to children of Elementary School age.

The movement in favor of school libraries is extending, and, when it is considered what can be done with a collection of books as a practising section or literary laboratory of the school, it is a wonder that the Canadian provinces have not put forth greater efforts to provide their schools with one. Talk about workshops being attached to our schools! The library is the most useful workshop a teacher can have in which to train a child to learn of the possible companions of his after life. In Ontario the Education Department has had in hand the supervision and fostering of school libraries ever since Dr. Ryerson's time, and Dr. Ross, the present Minister of Education, is as keenly alive to the necessity of the library as a school