

The same question was taken up at a meeting of the Teachers' Provincial Association in Toronto, in 1883, and the two following resolutions adopted :

1. That the reading of selected portions of Scripture as a part of the regular daily exercises of the school would be a material aid to teachers in the discharge of their duties in respect to such moral training.

2. That the Education Department do make a suitable selection of Scripture reading for the schools under its charge.

The president of the association, A. McMurchy, head master of the Collegiate Institute, in his address to the teachers present, recommended "that the Education Department make selections from the Bible for the use of schools."

Acting on these suggestions, I made such selections from the Scriptures as were thought most suitable for school purposes, and submitted them for revision to a joint meeting of the committee appointed by the different denominations that had taken up the question of religious instruction at the annual meetings of their ecclesiastical courts. By this meeting they were referred to a sub-committee, consisting of Ven. Archdeacon Boddy, Rev. Provost Boddy, Rev. John Burton, D.D., Rev. Dr. Dewart, Rev. Dr. Laing, Rev. H. D. Powis, and Rev. Dr. Sutherland. They were finally authorized and supplied gratuitously to the Public and High schools, and have since been authorized by the Board of Education of Manitoba for use in the Protestant schools of that Province. Moreover, the Board of Trustees for London, Eng., have similar selections in their schools, in daily use, during the hour allotted to religious instruction.

Now, in acting on such strong representations as were made by the deputation above referred to and sustained by the teachers of the Province in their annual parliament, surely it must be said the Government did not show undue haste.

INTERFERENCE OF ARCHBISHOP LYNCH.

It is said that the Scripture readings were suggested by Archbishop Lynch, with a view to secure the complete expulsion of the Bible from the Public schools. This charge is denied by the Archbishop himself in a letter to the *Mail* of the 16th of June in these words : "With respect to the book of Bible extracts issued by the Minister of Education, we did not think of it, much less suggest it." The charge is also illogical. It surely will not be said that the deputation that waited on the Attorney-General had this object in view, and yet they suggested the preparation of such selections. So also did the Provincial Teachers' Association, on the recommendation of its President. The truth is, that acting on the suggestions of these clergymen and of the teachers of the Province, I had arranged for the preparation of the Scripture readings, and it was not till the selections were made that anybody, except my colleagues and the editor, knew what was being done. The proofs were sent to each member of the committee appointed to consider this question, and to Archbishop Lynch. They were then revised by the committee