The Planet.

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LIBERAL PAPER'S INSULT TO THE RELIGIOUSLY INCLINED,

A correspondent of the Mail and Empire

"What became of the Scripture les selected for teaching in the public schools, about twenty years ago? At that time a committee from various denominations was appointed and among them Archbishop Lynch was consulted—to select extracts from the Bible that would be suitable for teaching religious and moral truths with teaching religious and moral truths, with out entrenching on denominational theology. Whether the work was ever completed and used—and if not, why not—I do not know, but should like to find out."

To this the Hamilton Times replies as fol-

"He refers to the excellent compila-"He refers to the excellent compila-tion of Bible passages, approved by the committee of the various de-nominations, and afterwards called in derision the 'Ross Bible.' It is a matter of history that in a moment of weakness, Mr. Ross yielded to the clamor of the school-smashers and admitted the book agreed upon by the representatives of the various re-ligious bodies as a text-book. The ligious bodies as a text-book. The result was a 'holy war,' in which he was showered with abuse and the book was soon withdrawn. And it was not 'skeptic scientists,' as was not 'skeptic scientists,' as the Mail writer sneeringtly remarks, that caused the row; it was the churchmen. There's a hint in the incident for Mr. Harcourt. If he would fool with a hornet's' nest on beginness bent just let him give way business bent, just let him give way to the religion-in-the-schools cranks."

While The Planet does not believe in combining secular and religious education, still it recognizes the right of other people to think differently: But the Times being "liberal" calls those who don't agree on the subject with it, cranks.

THE ONLY ENGLISH POPE.

At last the only Englishman who ever sat on the papal throne seems to be about to receive honor from his own countrymen, if not in his own country. A project is now on foot to erect a monument in St. Peter's to Nicholas Breakspeare, Adrian IV., which will be worthy of him and England.

Nicholas Breakspeare was a most interesting man. He was born of poor parents in 1100, at Langley, near St. Albans, and, although he wished to enter an English monastery, the request was refused. He then went abroad and rose from honor to honor until, at the age of 54, he was elected to the chair of St. Peter. It was he who conferred the sovereignty of Ireland appon England, and it was he who procured the execution of the celebrated Arnold of Bresoia. To his account must be laid the beginning of the long and bitter feud of the papacy with the house of Hohenstaufen. He had a personal struggle with Frederick Barbarossa-who refused to hold his stirrup for him to mount his horse-which re-ulted in a complete victory for the English pope.

In 1159, the quarrel having gathered volume, he was about to ex ommunicate Frederick, when he died, and Frederick thus escaped what, at that time, was almost a matter of life and

And this man, to whom-emperors bowed, has had to wait 800 years for his monument !- Rome corre pondence of the Pall Mall Gazette.

OUR RANK SCHOOL SYTEM.

Although Premier Ross does not make a boast of it, the educational system of Ontario is one of the feathers in his cap. He had the conduct of that department for many years, and when Mr. Harcourt took it over he can also a well-codered over he came into a well-ordered The above amusing and ridiculous

quotation is the way the Bunner-News commences an eulogy of Hin. G. W. Ross' dilapidated old school system. Can anybody imagine a sane newspaper publishing such twaddle, Isn't the B.-N. aware that for the fast ten or fifteen years the Ontario school system has simply been a laughingstock among the people who had children to educate? Doesn't it know that it is an excrescence on the province, maintained by the Ontario Government for the purpose of filching money out of the pockets of the people by means of the school book monopolies?

Doesn't it know that where the public schools of Ontario twenty-five years ago turned out scholars with a good common school education the system of to-day turns them out with a smattering of many subjects but without proficiency in any? This collegiate institute finishing fake has been introduced to induce juveniles, little past the kindergarten, to hurry along by learning their lessons like parrots. If ever there was a school system that was a blot on the intelligence of a civilized people, we think Ontario has it. Its various remodellings and tinkerings seem to have been conceived in iniquity, while the amended system appears only to have seem perpetuated for the purpose of permitting partizan friends of the Government to rob the public in the price of school books on condition that the plunder was shared up at election

But even this was not sufficient. When new books were issued alleged authors were paid for very inferior

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work, while much better material was floating around uncopyrighted. New text books were authorized and ordered that were not recognized in the leist. Whenever more money was wanted a book could be changed and parents generally ordered to pay up anotehr 75 cents or \$1.

Then, again, the department was extremely useful as a political mcchine. It had a good deal of patronage in a small way to bestow and made the most of it. The result is that nine-tenths of the male teachers in the province are Liberals.

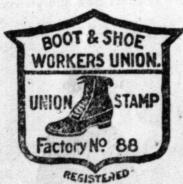
The citizens of the province, Conservative and Liberal alike, with the exception of the Banner-News, know all these things to be true. Hon. G. W. Ross realized that if there was one unpopular department in the Government it was that of education. When he became premier he was sharp enough to get out from under the impending avalanche and leave one of his colleagues to answer for the deplorable mess he had got our school system into.

Then, in the face of all this, the Banner works off nearly a column of the same kind of slush as the paragraph quoted at the head of this col-

An importance conference will be held shortly at Ottawa under the auspices of the Governor-General to discuss the subject of the white plague, and the best means of checking it. This will be one of the most important and representative gather-Canada, Even the railroads have recognized the usefulness of the work to be done, and have offered to carry delegates to the capital and back at half fare. The Chatham board of health should be represented. Consumption is as deadly around here as elsewhere.

The return of strikes and lockouts n 1890, issued by the board of trade of London, England, shows that the aggregate duration of disputes was 2,516,400 days, against 15,289,500 in 1893, 10,345,800 in 1897, and 8,927,000, the average for the last five years. Thus 1899 was 70 per cent. below the average, and the figures for the curent year are also keeping well within ounds. In 1899 there were 719 disputes concerning 180,217 persons. The textile tr des fueni h the biggest secons of the --- 61,499. Last year min ing topped the list, and the year be-fore, engineering. More than half of the total disputes concerning less than 100 people and only 30 included more than 1,000 participants.

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Isn't it strange how people
Thrill in the keenest way
To the stories of life and its living
Told in book or in play,
And yet, with darkened vision,
To naught of their charm inclined,
Live in the world where the stories liv
Blind, oh, so blind?
—Ripley D. Saunders in St. Louis Reput

THE BOSS DREW THE LINE Trading With a Corpse Was Not Al lowed In His Camp.

The boss of the lumber camp refilled his pipe and lighted it.

"We had a man die in camp this win ter. He lived just over the boundary Nice feller he was, too-thrifty and all that. Every one liked him. Sorry to have him go. But after he was gone we did the best we knew how. Fixed the body up and sent two of the men

"He had bought a new pair of boots at the wongan camp two weeks before he died, and we thought it would be only right to put those boots on. So we did. The men started away and came back in three days. One of the men was wearin them new boots. The other feller gave it away. Said that just before they got to the house with the deceased the critter pulled them boots off the corpse and swapped. Other feller didn't like it, and said so. But the critter allowed that he had had some talk with the corpse about swappin a lew days before he died. Corpse had allowed that the new boots hurt his corns and said that a pair that had been broken in would do better. Critter said that he couldn't bear to think of deceased bein buried in a pair of boots that hurt his feet. He said that he should wake up in the night, suttin, and think about the thing.

"Waal, course there was somethin in what he said, but as there warn't no way of gettin at the deceased's side of the matter, I concluded that I wouldn't let that trade stand. There's a good many things that go in this camp all right, but dickerin with dead men ain't one of 'em. I draw the line right there, and draw it sharp. I made that feller send them boots back. The deceased has still got the crifter's old ones. The feller had to go to the wongan and get some new ones. And that's so much more for the company and a commission for me. "Twarn't bad all round. When the feller got to jawin about the thing I told him he could still have the comfort of knowin that deceased wasn't wearin tight boots.".

Fat the Foe of Consumption. Consumption is most prevalent among those who are stinted or who stint themselves in the use of fat foods. Everybody has learned and employed the knowledge, usually when it is too late, that cod liver oil is go for consumption. Few seem to have learned that food of the same charive of consumption. In the whole course of my professional observation, covering a period of nearly 60 years, I have known but rarely a family or an individual that was brought up on a liberal supply of butter and bacon who became tuberculous. Moreover, such food fortifies the system against other diseases as well as consumption. It establishes stamina.-Dr. Bell in the Sanitarium.

Remembered Too Late.

Speaking of the queer doings of absentminded people, the following anecdote is related by the London Globe: "A very irritable man left his house one morning to attend a race meeting some distance off. In order that he might have enough money to pay his hotel bill he tied a sovereign in the corner of his handkerchief. In the train he drew his handkerchief from his pocket, and noticed the knot in the corner. 'Now.' he said to himself, 'what was it I wished to remember?' Much thought failed to enlighten him upon the point, and at last, in a tit of passion he burled the handkerchief out of the window. Then he remembered."

After Sunday school little Ned and his younger cousin, Horton, were permitted to play in the yard on condition that they would be very good and quiet. They had not been out long when Ned's mother heard loud

screams. Upon investigating the

cause she found her small son sitting

on his cousin, pounding him vigorously in spite of Horton's pitiful walls. "Well, mamma," Ned exclaimed, "I wanted to teach him the golden rule, and he said he wouldn't learn it."-

Went All the Way.

It is said that the reason why there are no snakes in New Zealand is that it is at the direct antipodes of Ireland, and that when St. Patrick banished the snakes from Ireland his blessing went right through the earth and banished the snakes from New Zealand also.

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15:h February, A. P. 1847,

and all proceedings for the extending and otherwise improving Big Creek Drain, in the Townships of Tilbury West and Tilbury North, and the By-laws, Assessments and Debentures founded thereon or issued in pur-

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Dated at Chatham, 22nd January, 1901.

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