

In the city of London, England, this is done most successfully. I cite the example of the city of London, not because it is done better there than in other parts of Great Britain, but because the school population is nearly the same as in the Province of Ontario, and because what is done there seems to me to be quite practicable in Canada, at least in Ontario. Prizes are given annually to the scholars attending the London Board Schools, through the liberality of Mr. Pelk, and also through that of the Religious Tract Society. For these prizes all the pupils, who are willing, are examined each year on portions of Scripture selected the previous year. For the year 1882 the number of school children whose names appeared on the school roll for the city of London, at the date of the last examination for Scripture prizes, was 203,001. Of this number 158,134 were examined in the selected portions of Scriptures for that year. "When it is borne in mind, says the Chairman of the School Board, that all the infants, except one standard, are excluded, it will be seen that practically all the children in attendance were examined." Why should we not have a similar record for our Province? I take it, ladies and gentlemen, that this question of Scripture knowledge, moral and religious education, is the vital questions for Ontario, yea, for the whole Dominion, in this and all succeeding generations.

"Who loves and lifts his fellow-man,
He is the saint;
He walks with God who works for man;
Who in restraint
Holds passions close, and folly scorns;
His nights are clean and sweet his morns;
God his pure brow with peace adorns,
And crowns the saint."

Herewith I append the questions set the scholars at the last examination for Scripture prizes for the city of London, England:—

Standard 4.

1. Write in the words of Exod. xx. God's commands against idolatrous worship.
2. In what respect was Moses fitted to be the leader of the Israelites?
3. Give, in St. Paul's words to the Ephesians, the duties of parents and children, of masters and servants.
4. Give instances, from the Acts, of St. Peter's zeal in preaching the Gospel.
5. How did Christ say that all men should know who were His disciples?
6. "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." Under what circumstances did Christ use these words?
7. Give three texts in which Christ is spoken of as "light."