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A DEFECT IN THE EDUCATION ACT.

Premier Roblin, of Manitoba, has promised to introduce a compulsory education bill compelling attendance at school of children between the ages of six and fourteen. That same provision is contained in the Ontario act and it is very defective. If Premier Roblin will take the advice of this great family journal, and it knows whereof it speaks, he will add after the fourteen, "and further until such time as they are placed at some proper and useful employment by their parents or guardians." As the Ontario act stands the fourteen year limit is a great encouragement to truancy. Where the parents are lax and a boy reaches fourteen he is in a position to defy the teachers and the authorities. He stays away when he likes and encourages smaller lads to do the same. A few boys of this kind in a school will almost demoralize it. The law should make school attendance compulsory up to such time as a youth is ready to begin the battle of life for himself. No matter what his age he is better in school than roaming the streets.

CANADA'S GROWTH.

It will soon be time for Canadians to discuss the increase in population of the Dominion during the decade. The result of the last census was, as every one knows, decidedly disappointing: the increase during the preceding ten years being very little, if at all, more than the natural growth. Present indications are that the approaching census will show a more hopeful state of affairs. Indeed, the Canadian Magazine for December predicts a showing of 25 per cent. increase. Of course, as it remarks, such prophecies are only prophecies after all. The present population of the Dominion ought to be, then, slightly more than 6,000,000. If this is correct, we may be reasonably well satisfied, at least until we are told that from the older parts of the country there is still a considerable migration of the young men to the large American cities. The city and town population increased from 1881 to 1891 more rapidly than did the rural population. This, the authorities are quoting says, has not been the case during the present ten years. Still the cities have made satisfactory progress, the highest rate being naturally in the west. Vancouver showing a gain of 414 per cent., Winnipeg of 89 and Victoria of 70. Montreal shows 33 per cent., while Toronto is credited with only 12. Hamilton, it may be remarked, has grown more rapidly than has the latter city, her rate being 18. It is hardly necessary to say that in total population Montreal easily stands first with almost 289,000; while Toronto comes second with 212,560. Then Quebec, Ottawa, Hamilton, St. John and Halifax, in the order named.

THE CRADLE OF OUR RACE.

The old question as to where and when the human race originated, is discussed in a very interesting way by Mr. Samuel Waddington, in a recent number of the Nineteenth Century. Various localities have been given the honor of man's birthplace: the valley of the Euphrates, the Persian Table Land, the Barbary States, even the North Pole regions. Equally varied are the dates of his birth: from 4000 B. C. to millions and millions of years ago. Mr. Waddington's opinion is that human life began somewhat more than a million years ago, and that there is no force in the contention that the race is not more than 100,000 years old, based upon the fact that human bones have not been discovered anterior to the quaternary epoch. This is mere negative evidence, he says, to which but little weight should be given. He instances Lake Haarlem in Holland, which was drained by the government in 1853. This lake had been the scene of many a sea-fight, not to speak of wrecks and other casualties. And yet, when drained, only a very few relics were found, and human bones were entirely lacking. The writer's opinion is, that man appeared in the Eocene Epoch, the beginning of which Lord Kelvin places at 4,000,000 years ago; and that, as the earth cooled, man naturally first appeared toward the North Polar regions. To quote Mr. Waddington's words, "My own view is that the cradle of the human race was probably that vast tract of unbroken land lying between the Ural Mountains on the West, and Behring Sea, the Sea of Okhotsk, and Manchuria on the East." There the race may have remained an indefinite time before it began to disperse, the climate of that region being at that time, that of the South of France to-day. From this early home the transit to America, by way of the Allutian Islands, or of an isthmus now submerged, and to China to the South East, would have been com-

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paratively easy. And China, it must not be forgotten, has one of the most ancient civilizations of the world; while the Ainos, of Northern Japan, that peculiar race so little understood, may be the remains of our primitive ancestors. Mr. Waddington holds, of course, the evolutionary theory as to the race. "Man, as he first appeared, was, the writer holds, not as he is, even physically, to-day. He more nearly resembled the tree-climbing apes. When he emerged from the forests, however, and took up his abode on the great plateaus and plains, there was no opportunity or necessity for exercising the gentle art of climbing, and he consequently gave up the habit, and began to walk on his 'back hands,' as the writer expresses it or, as we should say, on his feet."

AN EXAMPLE TO ALLEGED CIVILIZATION.

A correspondent in the N. Y. Sun confutes the truth and justice of Minister Wu's criticism of American society and the family. He writes: "All educated people lament the almost universal lack of filial duty due from children to parents and the barbarous tout ensemble of our collegians, and in a lesser degree, the proletariat, whose case seems in both cases to despise the parents if not 'up-to-date,' and to glory in the 'plug,' 'revolver' and back entrance to music halls."

ASEPTIC PILLOWS.

The pillow stuffed with pine needles, with poppy leaves, or with eucalyptus leaves and shavings, must give away to the aseptic pillow which now threatens to change every Christian bed into a quasi-hospital. The new aid to health is a double pillow, or really one pillow which has been split longitudinally. In the centre of each half is a pocket filled with dried sponge, Japanese sponge, or similar material. Upon this the owner pours such drug or combination of drugs as may be required by the physical system. According to the new idea each destructive germ has

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A Merry Christmas.

Many Happy returns of the day of days.

The shop windows of Chatham are a credit to the artistic taste of the merchants.

The Government of New Zealand has decided to despatch another contingent to South Africa. New Zealand is a game little island. It is bound not to quit the contest until it is over. But what about Canada?

As to-morrow, Tuesday, is Christmas day there will be no issue of the city dailies, hence our esteemed local but dilatory contemporary, the Banner-News, will be unable to republish what appears in this number of The Planet before Wednesday.

JINGLES AND JESTS.

The Man Who Never Writes. He never answers letters, though the time his pen invites; He's averse to ink and paper; he's the man who never writes! No thought of written sorrows or your well expressed delights; He's the man who never writes, never writes! You may say the earthquake swallowed half your house and all your land; Likewise your poor relations; he will read and understand; And sigh with secret sorrow, but no letter he indites; He's the man who never writes, never writes! You may tell him that you're happy and you want to shake his paw; Have him all your creditors, likewise your much admired; Will he send congratulations; will he hail you on the heights? He's the man who never writes, never writes on the heights! When he passes from your vision, from this weary world of sin, Do you think you'll know the country he is then?—sejourning in? It's hot or cold or "middle," in the depths or on the heights? He's the man who never writes, never writes—Atlanta Constitution.

Doing Well. Coming in on the train the other day was a family with a little, nervous mother and a flock of children. As we neared the door the mother began to question if everything was all right.

"Have you got all the umbrellas, Johnny?" "I should say I had. I had four when I started, and now I've got six!"—Boston Beacon.

Heredit. "That girl is an enigma." "No wonder. Her mother was such a mere butterfly." "Indeed?" "And her father was a regular lobster." Even the smart set, pray observe, are not altogether exempt from the subtle laws of heredity.—Detroit Journal.

In the Wrong Business. Under the worsted chestnut tree The village smithy stands; The smith is a mighty man is he, With large and stony hands. And the muscles of his brawny arms Are strong as iron bands.

With one fell blow the smith could crush The rarely conquered Fitz; Just as he sits he could reduce McCoy to bleeding bits. Did he desire to stand, say ten, Star fighters in a row, His trade as smith would give him strength To kill them with a blow. And yet the smith, alas, is poor; He has not many dimes. The smith, poor duck, was ill advised These get-rich-quick times!—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The Other Way. "I caught cold last night while sitting on the grand stand watching the fireworks at the 'Fall of Peking,'" he complained. "Perhaps it would have been better to sit on the fireworks and watch the grand stand," put in the innocent bystander.—Baltimore American.

More Information. Tommy—Say, paw? Mr. Figg—Well? "What is low water mark?" "It is usually about the top of your neck if some one didn't keep an eye on you when you are washing your face."—Indianapolis Press.

Exhaustion. Baffling sort of wink his eye; Goodby, Miss Summertime. He's underling to you come by; Goodby, Miss Summertime. His voice it does not hold an oar, An still it keeps a-gittin' worse; He sings so much that he got hoarse; Goodby, Miss Summertime. Rose a-dyin on de bush; Goodby, Miss Summertime. You smiled on it as made it blush; Goodby, Miss Summertime. He braved his secret right an' left, Will sweetness wait on each leaf; Rose done bloom like't to deft; Goodby, Miss Summertime. —Washington Star.

AN ANOMALY.

Eva—You can't make a bit of an impression on that young Marsh. May—I know it. It's strange, too, for he's so soft. "These boxes must be terrible people."

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