## ADVISABILITY OF HOME WORK FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN QUESTION THAT BRINGS OUT DIFFERENT OPINIONS

Inspector Frowns Upon the Work For Pupils Under the Fifth Grade-Necessity Under Regulations, Says the Collegiate Principal-Mothers Not in Favor.

"The teachers are not to blame."
was the opinion expressed by several citizens interested in education, who were interviewed this forenoon on a subject introduced in a letter written by Dr. J. I. Ferguson, which is published in The Advertiser today, the subject of too much home-work for boys and girls who are doing their growing up while being educated in the public and high schools. So far as the public schools are concerned, inspector Edwards speaks for them as follows:

"The closing of the schools during the epidemic has made the home work heavier this year, and the teachers are not to blame. They must cover the prescribed course. So far as the public school system is concerned, my experience with my own children has been that the amount of home work given depended largely upon the teacher. Some teachers could get over the ground with their classes; others were obliged to give home work."

the paper today, and in regard to home work may say that in the public schools we discourage home work for children under the third book or fifth grade. Practically the only children in the public schools who have home work to amount to anything are those work to amount to anything are those work and the public schools who have home work to amount to anything are those work.

work to amount to anything are those taking entrance work.

"The advice is that the home work on the eighth grade be such as the pupil can prepare alone and compass within three-quarters of an hour.

Make Work Enjoyable.

"Our ideal in school work is to have the children enjoy it, and we are moving in the rational direction of giving them the subjects adapted to their mental capacity at a certain age. Modern developments in child study have ern developments in child study have must be 'fed' certain subjects required for their mental development at certain foods adapted to their physical development at certain ages, just as they are given certain foods adapted to their physical development at certain ages, Take spelling and arithmetic for example. These are not subjects adapted to the beginners who will find them hopeless mysteries. But the older child will assimilate them readily. We are moving in this direction, but it isn't possible to realize an ideal that all at once. Because we are only human we can't accomplish all that we would Because we are only human we accomplish all that we would o have done.

class of the Talbot Street Baptist
Blames Necessity.

"The question of homework for school children is a vital one, a question which requires much deliberation," said Principal W. H. Mooney of the London Collegiate Institute, when asked for his opinion in regard to the protest made against homework in today's Advertiser by Dr. J. I. Ferguson.

"There is one thing to be taken into consideration, the unusual circumstances this year," continued Mr. Mooney. "We have lost from five to six and a half weeks of school, owing to the epidemic. Beglefon, the president, making the presentation. Rev. H. H. Bingham spoke a few words to the class, expressing the appreciation of himself and Mrs. Bingham.

A short musical program was given.

later in life.

An hour and a half or two hours, however, should be the outside limit, and some students do not spend that much on homework. If parents would be willing to have their children stay a year longer in school than the regular course, the ground might be covered in that way.

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The annual banquet of the builders' class of the Talbot Street Baptist

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course, the ground might be covered in that way.

"But people can't expect to be spoonfed all through life, and they must learn to help themselves earlier or later in life."

A Certain Amount.

Mrs. A. E. Tutt, president of the Union Mothers' Club, says: "My personal opinion is that a certain amount of home work will not injure children, provided they have sufficient time for recreation and sleep. They certainly cannot do good work in school if they are tired and listless, and it isn't much are tired and listless.



NOT CERTAIN ABOUT NURSE CO-ORDINATION

LONDONERS IN PAST DAYS Will Discuss Question Again at Later Date.

WANTS ANOTHER DENTIST

morning. Miss M. Hay, who has been members of No. 1 committee, notwith standing the fact that the would be an occupational training department, was such entertainment is injurious.

"I am not voicing the views of the Union Mothers' Club in this, but my own boy, who is 3½ years old. He has never had any home work in fact, his present teacher has told me that they do not know to whom the dogs belons, but they caim that the dogs were in his grades the complaining, how-work. In fact, his present teacher has told me that they do not know to whom the dogs belons, but they caim that they do not know to whom the dogs belons, but they caim that they do not know to whom the dogs belons, but they caim that they do not know to whom the dogs belons, but they caim that they do not know to whom the dogs belons, but they caim that they do not know to whom the dogs belons, but they caim that they do not know to whom the dogs belons, but they caim that they do not know to whom the dogs belons, but they caim that they do not know to whom the dogs belons, but they caim that they do not know to whom the dogs belons, but they caim that they do not know to whom the dogs belons, but they caim that they do not know to whom the dogs belons, but they caim that they do not know to whom the dogs belons, but they caim that they do not know to whom the dogs belons, but they caim that they do not know to whom the dogs belons, but they caim that the dogs were in the plaintiffs, through f. N. McEvor were, about the amount of home work given to children.

Mrs. F. W. Hughes, former president of the London Union Nothers Club, is strongly of the opinion that will believe to the defendant.

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be more fully dealt with later when the board has more definite information.

Dentist More Needed.

There was some discussion as to whether an assistant dentist or another school nurse should be appointed. It was pointed out that there is need for both, but it was decided that only one appointment was possible now. The concensus of opinion was that an assistant dentist was the more necessary at present, and on the motion of T. Rowe, this action will be recommended to the board.

Casualties was issued today:

Railway Troops.

VALENTINE EUCHRE

FROM CITY HALL SAYS TAXES UNFAIR.

ld. John Colbert is another one of city fathers who is of the opinion the system of taxation in the city wrong. He says that the poor man s the long shot of the taxes, and the dithier man does not pay his share. It is so one of the questions to which

NOTES OF INTEREST

THEY'RE NOT SCARED.

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AT HEIGHTS PROVES MOST ENTERTAINING

Men of Hospital Thoroughly Enjoy Red Cross Night.

From utilities commission to the council, then back to the council, was the fate of a communication from Mrs. Lancaster, regarding the new formulation of the council than the fate of a communication from Mrs.

THIS TEACHES HOW TO

**BUY RIGHT-OF-WAY** FROM TRACTION CO., IDEA OF EX-MAYOR

Dr. H. A. Stevenson Thinks City Has Excellent Chance.

Dr. H. A. Stevenson, former mayor of London, believes that the Ontario Government should be induced to purchase the right-of-way of the Traction line between London and St. Thomas. The doctor argues that such a scheme would provide a special motor speedway and link up London with the new highwayin the event of the southern route being chosen. He urges that the city should consult the Legislature in regard to the matter and points to what ap-

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The foregoing paragraph was spoken by Rev. H. H. Bingham in the Egerton Street Baptist Church on Thursday evening when he gave a lecture on "Lloyd George, the Greatest Statesman." Despite the inclement weather, over three hundred people were presnt to hear this lecture, which has been given by Mr. Bingham several times in this city and in other parts of Western Ontario.

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