## THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

Editor Ottawa Journal.-Your article which have appeared, and especially more than some which have been pub-lished in the columns of your morning contemporary, places the School question on a somewhat higher plane than usual. It is possible to comment on it in a like candid and impartial spirit.

• On the one hand stands a force which de-mands that the processes of 4 ducation in re-spect of purely material requirements must be accompanied by specific instruction in religious dogma." That is quite correct. ' Education

without religion produces, by universal consent of all educated human beings with any faculty for reasoning, nothing but moral mischief. Even as education it is incomplete, since to leave out of it its most essential element is extremely illogical. Bat all religion is dogma and to be les rned must be taught. To be taught it must "specific," or it would not be taught at all. That is the Catholic position. Indeed it is the logical posit on of all denominations, or there would be no denominations at all nor would there be Presbyterian Methodist, Baptist and Anglican leges all teaching dogma, specifically and authoritatively. To deny to Catholics the right of

teaching dogma, in their Separate schools, when it is a matter of con-science with them, and when, by the nature of their organization and unity, they are in a position to avail them-selves of it, is nothing less than sheer persecution. To insist on them accepting common schools when, as everyone knows, these are in affect Protestant schools, is persecution. There is no way out of that conclusion.

Then you say as follows :-

Then you say as follows :--"On the other hand there is a habit of thought not so often aggressively asserted in the discussion of affairs of state, but calculated none the less, to exercise a potent influence in the solution of such problems as that which confronts parliament and perple to day. It cherishes the idea that the faith is begotten, nurtured and illuminated in the home, first and best; that the faith imbibed as the mother's breast, cylained at the mother's knee and at the father's right hand, is carri of from this first of human sancturaties into the outer world, for which the school is the first course of preparation; and that in the first course of there have the challenge to a comparison of the moral and spiritual results of the two systems." That the idea you thus express is

That the idea you thus express is "not so often aggressively asserted " is hardly correct. It is, in fact, the stock-in trade of most agitators on the subject. Let me examine it for a moment. When you talk of a faith "begotten, nurtured and illuminated in the home" and "imbibed at the mo the home " and "imbibed at the mo-ther's breast, explained at the mo-ther's knee and at the father's right ther's knee and at the father's right hand " are you not drawing rather a fancy picture? Let your mind dwell a moment on such experience of life as most of us possess in some degree. How much of this imbibing, this teach ing, this home influence, really exists as a matter of fact? Think of the tens of thousands of poor families, ignorant, anxious, weary with work, or idle, indifferent, careless or worse; how much "home influence," how much "imbibing" or teaching of any sort is common many the for a difference of any sort is common among them? Again, think of the thousands of families in which the father is a mere agnostics, or a schoffer, or too busy, or bored, in which the mother is a mere worldling, devoted to nothing but dress and so ciety and amusement, and having very little knowledge to impart-how muc

into different rooms, part developed and part left undeveloped. This is not true. It assumes that religion is some-thing apart from life. This assumption of religion is wholly pernicious." "The Outlook," a prominent Pro-testant journal, says editorially : Most of the graduates of our editorially : Most

of the graduates of our schools and colleges pass through a course of study in which religion is ignored. Its place is largely taken by philosophy and ethics; the result is that the student and earns to know, think and feel independ ently of any recognized religious ele-ment. Religion which is at once the mainspring of life, is suffering from a disaffection which arises from the pres ent isolation of religious instruction." The Churchman (Protestant Epis-copal) says editorally: "Of one thing we are sure, if we leave God and Christianity out of the daily round and common task of the school it will be the rare home and exceptional Sanday school that will supply the deficiency and the S a's will suffer in its citizen-ship." ent isolation of religious instruction."

ship. Speaking before the Ministers' Institute stitute (Unitarian.) of Worchester, Mass., President Elliott said : "I think Worchester, that Unitarians ought to take thought for the education of their children as Unitarians. \* \* Hence the importance of founding schools where Unitar an children can be taught to face the Unitarian way.

## LAURIER'S CHARGE.

Speaking upon his bill in the House of Commons providing for Catholic schools in the two new provinces of North-West Canada, Sir Wilfred Laurier took occasion to castigate the educa-tional system of the United States,

He charged our lynchings, murders. homicides and divorce evils to the absence of religious teaching in our Public schools. An occasional secular and almost all the sectarian press have been saying in return seme harsh

Yet there is no denying the truth of some assertions which Sir Wilfred made. A comparison of the two coun-tries along these lines is certainly not to our credit. The social condition of civil society in Canada does excel. In the matter of lynchings, murders and divorce Canada cannot compare with this country. During the past week the courts of St. Louis alone have probably granted more divorces than the whole of Canada in the past year. But as to the other crimes named.

For each million of population in the United States to day there are four and a half times as many homicides and murders as there were twenty four years ago. Escape from the odium years ago. Escape from the odium thereto attaching is sometimes sought in the assertion that immigration is responsible for these figures in a large neasure, because of the character of hose it brings to us.

The assertion, however, is not in accord with the truth. As a matter of act, statistics sustain the counterfact. assertion that the immigrant is peace ful and law-abiding for a long period after arrivil. And further, that what-ever of disrespect for the law the latter develops is copied from those who are native to the soil. Hence Sir Laurier naturally and with

much grounds for truth charges the crimes enumerated to our Public system of education. Where the fear of the law substitutes the reverence for God, and where the dread of the punishment fixed by the statute supplants the pen alty for the infraction of the command-ments, there is little hope to suppress

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worked much mischief the ravages of the publican's trade in that country have worked still more. If Ireland to-morrow were able to choose between the abolition of landlordism or the stamping out of the whiskey trade, she would gain immeasurably, both econo-mically and morally, by choosing the latter. Both indeed are great evils, but of the two by far the more dis-tructive from every point of view, is the whiskey trade. Where the land lord slavs ten the publican thousandsthe whiskey trade. Where the lan lord slays ten the publican thousands-London, England, Catholic News.

A silent change comes over Christians who thus devote themselves to the suf-fering souls; and, in reward for their charity, they insensibly acquire spirit ual instincts almost as keen as those of the holy sufferers themselves. A like change may be said to come to souls who practice true devotion to the Blessed Virgin, with its singular power to draw us nearer to God.

## SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

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Prof. M. A. Gray, commissive current viscing on Foods and Food Products,' in the National History Society rooms. The lecture was most exhaustive and instruc-tive, dealing with the growth of wheat, its con-stituents and the electrical treatment of flour. Mr. Gray remarked that but little could be said corcerning the percentage of nourish-ment contained in the different grades of our North Western hard wheat, as it varies from year to year.

North Western hard wheat, as it varies from year to year. Speaking of chemical experiment, Mr. Gray pointed out what had been done in this line in regard to wheat, during the last ten or twelve years in the different experimental stations of the United States. It was but very recently, however, that laboratories had been estab-lished in connection with flour mills, but they have already demonstrated their utility. As to the purification of flour by electricity the speaker remarked that it is about two years since this method was adopted and the development has been wonderful. A beauti-tul silvery whiteness is produced by subject-ing flour to air which has been pased through also, as a consequence, better keeping quali-ties and commands a better price. The Oglivie Fluur Mills Company, he said, was the only flrm in Canada and one of the first in America. to make use of this purifying and sterilizing process.

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