

(page 59) ; 'But at America' (page 88) ; 'To see the eldest—speaking of two [page 195] ; 'Works which excites—in the description of the Peak Caverns.'

In the fifth book there are 137 pages of History, 60 of which are devoted to the Jews, and the remaining 77 to the rest of mankind. The "History" instead of illustrating its subject with captivating and instructive narrations, couched in simple, terse, and appropriate language, is simply a massing together of long and unpronounceable names amounting literally to thousands ; and the subject matter which might by a touch of genius have been rendered to the last degree attractive to the youthful imagination, is made to appear dull, dry, uninteresting, frigid, and monotonous. Again, historical incidents of a repulsive character, or suggestive of improper sentiments, which might perhaps be properly perused by the maturer student, are prematurely brought down to the Common School Room, and in such case are a transgression upon the rules of decorum and modesty.

It is not necessary that the teacher should be called upon to explain such words as 'debauchery,' 'licentiousness,' 'concubine,' 'pregnancy,' &c. The narration that Nero murdered his wife Octavia that he might marry an infamous woman named Poppœa, whom he afterwards kicked to death when she was in a state of pregnancy, is only calculated to call up unchaste images and can serve no instructive purpose.

The Canadian Text books on Arithmetic, Geography and Canadian History, are national productions, and worthy guides in the hands of the Common School Teacher ; but the Irish Readers are for the reasons set forth, in the opinion of your Memorialists, [having fulfilled long since the purpose of their creation] fit only to be placed among things obsolete and of a past age.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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