

Many members of the Board held that the parents of the children attending these schools had the right to be assured that the teachers of their children were men and women who held not only not anti-Christian or non-Christian views but that they held Christian principles and views, or else that they should not be teachers.

The result of the controversy is given in the following resolution, passed, according to *School Guardian*, by a large majority of the Board. For the information and instruction of the teachers of the city of London, the resolution was put in the form of a circular and sent to each member of the staff.

"In forwarding to you a copy of the rules of the Board having reference to Bible instruction and religious observances, I am directed to ask your thoughtful consideration of the following suggestions, in the hope that they may be useful for your guidance and direction: The Bible is your text-book, from which it has always been the desire of the Board that you should give such explanations in the Christian religion and morality as are suited to the capacities of children of various ages attending the schools of the Board. Such explanations and instruction should, of course, be based on the conception of human nature which the Bible presents—viz, that a man is a responsible being with distinct and definite duties to God, to himself, and to his fellow-man. Understanding child nature as you do, you will of course, adapt your teaching to the various motives by which children are influenced; the object and purpose of all education being the formation of habits, mental, moral, and religious. And it is important to this end that the character of the children committed to their care should be studied individually, so as to correct the defects and en-

courage and stimulate the good points in each. The lessons adapted to an infants' school are not the same as those which are suitable to children of a more advanced age, and there are subjects essentially connected with the well-being and happiness of the individual on which the greatest caution has to be observed; but instruction in morality should not shirk the consideration of the relations of man to all the conditions of his being, and the Bible lesson affords you opportunities of so discussing these questions with the elder children as to impress them with the paramount importance of being pure, sincere, and upright in their life. The Board have never intended their teachers to diverge from the presentation of the Christian religion which is revealed in the Bible. While following the syllabus which is sent to you yearly, you are at liberty to refer to other parts of the Bible by which the principles of the Christian religion may be elucidated and enforced. But in the course of the lessons, as opportunity occurs, you will impress upon the children the relation in which they stand to God the Father as their Creator, to God the Son as their Redeemer, and to God the Holy Ghost as their Sanctifier. The Board cannot approve of any teaching which denies either the Divine or the human nature of the Lord Jesus Christ, or which leaves on the minds of the children any other impression than that they are bound to trust and serve Him as their God and Lord. A question having been raised as to whether, under the head of Religious Observances, the Board permit the use of hymns, concluding with the Doxology or prayers other than the Lord's Prayer, I am directed to inform you that no restriction is placed upon your liberty of choice in this respect. These suggestions are made by the Board in no spirit of distrust