

Bible or parts of the same as an alternative to the 'Reader' now in use. And that the Government be further petitioned that at all examinations conducted by the Government there be allowed a Bonus Paper on Biblical Knowledge, which knowledge shall be of such a character as may be obtainable from the Bible as a text-book."

"To Rev. Dr. S. S. Osterhout, President of Provincial Conference, Methodist Church.

"Dear Sir,—The Woman's Auxiliary to the M. S. C. C. in the Diocese of Columbia, have undertaken a campaign to further the knowledge of the Bible among the children of the Public Schools of British Columbia. The plan of campaign is:

"To petition the Government to introduce into the Public Schools, an alternative Reader, to be used in conjunction with the Reader already in use. This Reader to contain only stories from the Bible, and to be used solely as a Reader, not as a text-book. Preferably two such Readers to be in use—one from the Primer to the Third Reader—and one for the more advanced classes.

"Further to petition the Government to allow at all examinations conducted by the Government (which we understand to be, Entrance Examination, End of First Year in High School, End of Second Year in High School, End of Third Year in High School) a Bonus Paper on Biblical Knowledge. The questions on such paper to be of a nature that they may be answered from the Bible as text-book. The children to obtain the knowledge necessary from any source they wish, *i.e.*, the school is to be in no wise responsible for such instruction.

"For the setting and examining of such papers the Government to appoint a Committee—this Committee to have power to draw up a syllabus of Bible study suitable for the different grades, and to recommend books of reference for the use of the children."

Clause 1: Adopted.

Clause 2: Adopted.

Clause 3: Adopted.

Clause 4: Adopted.

Clause 5: Passed on without comment.

Clause 6: Laid on table for one year.

Clause 7: Adopted.

Report as amended, adopted.