

nature; we are equally anxious for a speedy and thorough cure. Let us bear with each other then in regard to differences on minor points.\*

For our own part, we are free to confess that our impression, from actual observation of the extent and depth of the disease, is such that we are willing to see all agencies united in curing it, as long as none of them are manifestly contrary to morality or Scripture. Parents are certainly the true guardians of their children's religious education. This truth can never be too much insisted upon in press and pulpit. When parents will come to be in piety and knowledge what Christian parents ought to be, then our anxiety about other agencies will largely cease. But until this desirable consummation arrives, we must call to our aid other agencies. We must continue to extend our Sabbath Schools, and we must labour, as we believe all our readers are willing to do, till the Bible be read generally in our Public Schools. As to the *manner* in which the Bible can have best given to it its proper place, let us agree to differ. Some think it can be done by stirring up Trustees to do their duty to the extent of their present power. The Synod of the Diocese of Huron, years ago, standing nobly in the breach in behalf of our Public Schools as against even their own brethren, thought it could be best done by procuring a legislative enactment on the point. Some would limit their application, in regard to an enactment, to a civil court, called "Trustees of the school section;" others, to make the matter more permanent and universal, would go a step higher, and apply to a civil court called the "Provincial Parliament." We do not see much reason why the former class could find much fault with the latter class when both parties are agreed as to the end. The

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\* We have no sympathy whatever with any attempt to make our Public Schools or Colleges *denominational*, as seems to be the drift of the paper by Mr. Wells, read at the Baptist Conference, and his letters to the "Globe." Neither do we (in the face of the fact that London (England) has, after a very practical fashion, solved the bug-bear about these old infidels and materialists,) see much practical difficulty in the way of having the Bible in the Public Schools of Ontario, where there are only a few score of Atheists and Deists, and where the Roman Catholic Church has its own separate schools.—Ed. C.O.M.