

one question that I would like you to take up and that is the restoration of the Bible to the Public Schools. This is looked upon by some as a political question, but I look upon it as a question of right or wrong, and hope that you will join hands with our genial inspector, Mr. Hughes, in the fight to restore to our Public Schools the Bible which, by some means or other, unknown to many, has been left out of the studies in the schools.

Again wishing you success in the task which you have undertaken, I am,

Yours, etc.,
KENO.

DEAR SIR,—Our daily papers have for some time been discussing the subject of public play-ground for the boys of the city. I think it is about time Mayor Clarke or some of the aldermen take this question into consideration. Crime is increasing at an alarming rate among the children of this city. On Friday the 13th inst., ten boys whose ages ranged from eight to twelve years, were brought before Col. Dennison for the serious offence of burglary, and on the Saturday following ten more were arrested, four for larceny, four for trespass, one for burglary, and one for vagrancy. The cause of all this, is that the boys, not being able to play, try to amuse themselves by getting into mischief, the results of which we read frequently in the city papers. The worthy gentlemen who compose the City Council seem to think that boys are not of sufficient importance for them to waste their valuable time in providing amusements for. They forget that the boys of to-day will be men of to-morrow. If our worthy aldermen wish the coming generation to be noted for its larger per cent of criminals of the worst type let them continue to pursue their present course. If they intend doing anything to prevent such a state of affairs they should secure the necessary land at once, before the building season sets in in earnest, or else all suitable sites will be taken up. All this will cost a large sum of money, but is it not preferable to spend it in this way, than to have to expend an equal if not a larger sum in furnishing criminals with jails and prisons to expiate their crime in, whose dark career began in boyhood, through lack of room to play in. Many boys, if they cannot find a field to play in, will do so in the streets, in defiance of the law; very often endangering the lives of those who happen to pass them, by throwing balls, or other playthings, not intentionally but for the mere object of sport. Boys who roam the streets thus, are liable to become regular roughs and a disgrace to any community, therefore let our

rulers attend to this matter, if from no higher motive than to preserve the honor of our fair city.

JUSTICE

News.

Mr. Paren says that Miss Sturrock of Wellesley School, has the best alto singing class of all the classes he teaches in the Public Schools.

The Wellesley School Debating Committees held a meeting on Tuesday April 9th. The Junior 5th committee consisting of:— Messrs Douglas, Lander, Dyke, Coleman, and Minty. The Senior committee: Messrs McCuaig, Ward, McMillan, Wilson, etc. They met for the purpose of fixing a resolution and date of a debate, between the Junior and Senior Fifth book classes. After many proposals it was unanimously decided that the resolution be on a historical subject, so that they need not go out of the way of their studies for the coming exams. The resolution proposed by A. McMillan. Resolved that the administration of Cromwell was beneficial to England, met with decided approval by the enthusiastic members and it will be argued on Friday, April the 27th. It was proposed that the School Board pay for all the broken furniture and all other damages resulting from the debate. ("Carried.")

NOTE—: This proposal it is needless to say was made by that cool headed brother of the committee who thrives under the name of Albert McMillan.

There is a petition going around in the Public Schools, and about to be sent in to the Public School Board to the effect that the 3.30 system be done away with, and a holiday on Wednesday afternoons take place in its stead.

British Authors.

OLIVER GOLDSMITH.

(Continued from last number.)

In 1759 he wrote a 'Life of Voltaire,' 'The Memoirs of a Protestant condemned to the Gallies of France for his Religion,' and the first of his more ambitious works, 'An inquiry into the Present State of Polite Learning in Europe,' which was published anonymously.

'The Citizen of the World' appeared in 1763, being a reprint of letters previously published in 'The Ledger.' 'The Man in Black' in this work is thought to represent his father.

About this time Goldsmith was far in arrears in his rent, and his landlady had him arrested. To