

THE BIBLE

AND THE

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The Premier of Ontario has been waited on by deputations from the Church Courts of leading Christian denominations in the Province, pleading for a modification in the educational system as at present established, with respect to religious instruction. The number, dignity and representative character of these delegates indicate that the object of their mission is deemed of vital importance by the Courts that appointed them. The high motives of those urging this movement are recognized by the Christian community, and the end contemplated by them commends itself to every thoughtful mind as being worthy of the most earnest solicitude. And yet there are features in the proposed measure fitted to awaken anxiety in the minds of all concerned in maintaining a system of public instruction, and which seem to call for vigilance, if not also firm opposition, on the part of all who recognize the importance of the relations of Church and State being rightly adjusted. A glance at the nature of the proposed change will justify this view of its gravity. As the law now stands, it is the privilege of School Trustees to introduce the Bible into the