

withdrawn, though with a promise to give the Church schools some additional funds next year. The defeat of the Government is a signal one considering its large majority. The party journals attribute it to the bad tactics of Mr. Balfour, who had charge of the bill. Such an idea, however, is absurd. The Bill, like that at Ottawa, attempted to violate the rights which free men had struggled hard to establish, and met with a deserved fate.

Bigotry Among the Lawyers.

The fact that Judge Falconbridge has resigned his position on the Senate of Toronto University on account of the offering of the LL.D. degree to Goldwin Smith is pretty clear proof that political is almost as hurtful as theological bigotry. Such conduct, too, as that of Vice-Chancellor Mulock in absenting himself from the commencement exercises at which the degree was to have been conferred, seems mean and contemptible. As a man of culture, Mr. Smith towers head and shoulders above his detractors. His opinions may not coincide with theirs, but that, presumably, is so much the worse for the latter. We may all of us differ from him in some of his opinions, but this is not the day or the country in which the open expression of political opinion should lead to social ostracism. Men who act as Messrs. Falconbridge and Mulock have done must think they are living under Queen Bess, not under Victoria.

The Work of Toronto's Board of Control.

It is to be hoped that the just-completed "cutting down" performance of the new Board of Control will not need to be repeated. Doubtless much of the public money has been wasted during recent years, but nothing will be so disastrous to any fair chance of obtaining effective services from employes as an uncertainty as to permanence of employment or sufficient salary. The hurried work and undignified squabbles of the Board have been disappointing. Of course some people will be satisfied so long as the rate is reduced; but we are afraid the Board are endeavoring to obtain credit for economizing at the risk of efficiency. Slicing off a round \$1,000 here or \$5,000 there may reduce the rate but it may lead to the worst sort of extravagance, and throws the onus of adjusting matters upon the shoulders of others. The principle seems wrong. What should be done would be to carry out the Mayor's expressed intention of inquiring into every item separately, getting the evidence of competent men, and then deciding upon it. This would doubtless lead to legitimate and needed reductions; and would save the city from the loss of efficiency which must necessarily result from indiscriminate reductions.

Steady Increase in Britain's Population.

The Registrar-General estimates that on June 30 the population of the United Kingdom will number 39,465,697—England having 30,731,072, Scotland 4,186,894, and Ireland 4,546,756.

Education, Pauperism and Crime in England.

From statistics recently issued we note the following:

	Population.	Paupers.	Proportion of Paupers to Pop.	
1842.....	16,000,000	1,429,000	1 in 12	8.33 p. ct.
1895.....	30,000,000	800,000	1 in 37	2.35 p. ct.
School Children. P. ct.		Paupers. P. ct.	Criminals. P. ct.	
1850....	1 in every 89	1.12	1 in every 20	5.00
1890....	1 in every 8	12.58	1 in every 36	2.77
			1 in every 2,400	0.004