



"TO POINT A MORAL AND ADORN A TAIL."

—Goldsmith.

thus avoiding the wicked and absurd practice of placing inexperienced persons at the head of asylums, where more special knowledge is required than in any other kind of public institution.

You will remember that during last session a distinguished member introduced a bill having for its object the placing of women in charge of the female wards of asylums, reformatories, etc., and you will be pleased to learn that this honorable gentleman, who is now a member of the Government, has elaborated his scheme and fortified it with an immense mass of authority, which cannot fail to carry conviction with it.

The Honorable the Attorney-General has, after much "consideration," failed to discover any good reason why women are not as well-qualified to vote for legislators as for municipal councillors and school trustees, or why they cannot exercise the franchise as intelligently as "farmers' sons" or the sons of any other class, and he has prepared a bill which you will be asked to pass.

Other measures relating to education will be laid before you, embracing first, the distribution of the grants to Public Schools irrespective of attendance, and in a manner to encourage teachers to remain teaching from five to ten years; second, free school-books; third, the ballot in Separate School elections; fourth, the election of High School trustees; fifth, the abolition of Upper Canada College and the application of the new building as a home for the better class of such patients as now go to Orillia; sixth, the appointment of a commission (including, of course, the Hon. Mr. Anglin) to enquire into the present methods of Public School inspection; and seventh, the erection of a *cast-iron* fence round the "Education Department," instead of the old wooden one.

Tax exemptions and the method of assessment will demand your thoughtful attention. It has become plain that the single-tax system commends itself to the majority of intelligent men who are not land speculators, and that this is by all odds the best way to levy assessments on a community.

My advisers also wish to satisfy the growing demand for fair play in the matter of non-exemptions, and having taken one step in the clergyman's salary department, they are now resolved to prove their consistency by

utterly wiping out everything in the shape of exemptions. Should this bill pass, therefore, there will not remain within the boundaries of this great Province a single piece of ground, or (should the land-tax fail to secure your approval) a single building which shall not pay its due share of the public expenditure; not even excepting the legislative buildings and the schools and colleges of the Province.

You will be asked to legalize the appointment by Toronto University Senate of certain Canadian scholars as associate-professors in "Moderns" or "half-pay," so as not to trench unnecessarily upon funds that may be required to remunerate full-fledged English and foreign professors.

Special legislation will be asked for in the interests of "Little Thunder," whereby it will be considered not unparliamentary to employ a few cuss words for the relief of one's feelings on the floor of the House.

It is proposed to appoint a commission consisting of Mr. Anglin and others to investigate the waste paper problem, and this you will be asked to authorize.

The Provincial surplus remains about the old figure, although the treasury received a considerable amount from the sale of Crown lands. This is on account of Upper Canada College having cost a good deal more than was estimated, and you will be asked to vote a few paltry thousands to make good this over-expenditure.

I am unable to say what arrangements have been made by your new Mr. Speaker regarding the "Bar" of the House, but they will no doubt prove satisfactory.

As heretofore, the Sergeant-at-Arms hails from Dakota. Ta-ta.

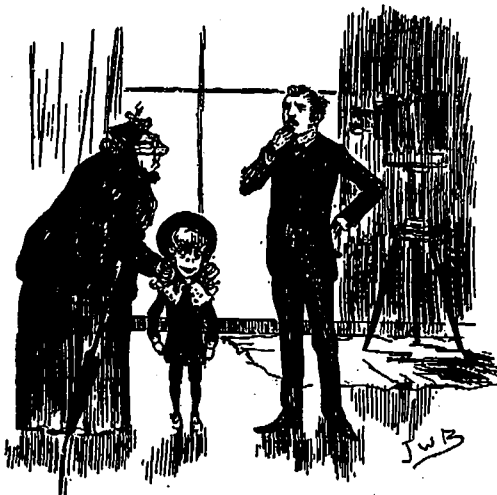
SUSPICIOUS.

ROUNDER—"Say, that toothache cordial you gave me last night got me into a terrible row."

CHEMIST—"How's that?"

ROUNDER—"You put oil of cloves in it, and my wife noticed the odor on my breath."

PHILOSOPHY would be useless if our neighbors were all they should be.



A DELICATE SITUATION.

PROUD PARENT—"You advertise to photograph pretty children free for the next thirty days, sir. I've brought my little boy, accordingly."