# The Public Schools.

### The Problem of Religious Instruction in the Schools of Ontario.

[Hon. G. W. Ross, LL.D., Minister of | ments as another part of religious in-

Education for Ontario, in the Westminster.] children attending the public schools no doubt good results will follow. of Ontario is not generally understood. Since the organization of our school instruction was recognized and the character of the instruction to be given defined. The regulations under Dr. Ryerson provided for the reading of privilege; and, doubtless, were it not dumb in the face of our joys and mis-the Scriptures at the opening and the for the many calls upon their time, fortunes, and knows not how to say the Scriptures at the opening and the closing of the schools, for the devoof the Ten Commandments by the clergymen paid 4,318 visits to the pub be observed, however, that the religious instruction so provided for was optional, and no penalty was attached not be to its omission by any teacher or what may fairly be called the relig board of trustees. Under the healthy ous aspect of public school instruction religious feeling prevailing in the pro-vince, it is gratifying to observe that worthy of notice. First, we have the a large majority of the schools the in a large majority of the schools the regulations were accepted and comediate the regulations were accepted and comediate the results of the schools the personality of a well-educated, refined the regulations were accepted and comediate the regulations are regulations as a superior of the regulations are regulations as a superior of the regulations are regulations as a superior of the regulation of the regulation and the regulation of the regulation and the regulation of the reg plied with. In 1883, a large deputaof composed of leading representation composed of leading representation composed of leading representations above reproach. In a report recently made by the inspectors of pubmination waited upon the government ment, it appears that the vast ma-for the purpose of enforcing the view that the religious instruction hereto-some Christian church, and are acfore optional should be made obliga-tory. In response to this request it was provided in the regulations of on his pupils is the best guarantee on his pupils is the best guarantee 1885, which are still in force, that that can be desired with respect opened with the Lord's Prayer, and closed with the reading of the Scriptures or the prayers authorized by litate the selection of suitable Scripture lessons for the use of schools the co-operation of leading clergymen readings was authorized from which the lessons of the day might be taken as the teachers and trustees might consider expedient. The Scripture readings so authorized are used in 2,-896 schools out of a total of 5,272—the Bible being used in 1,848. It thus appears that in 90 per cent of the schools part of the daily exercises consist of a Scripture lesson. The regulations further authorize the trustees to order the reading of the Bible or the authorized Scripture by both pupils and teachers, but the extent to which this prevails is not indicated in the annual reports to the education re

gulation requiring that schools and closed with prayer is ne Scriptures, as it appears that 4,839 total of 5,272 are so opened ad. In the case of towns and c.ties every school, with the exception of two, is closed by the use, of the Scripture readings and devotional ex-

The effect upon the school populatign of these exercises it is impossible cases they lapse into a staid formality. and are therefore not as impressive as they might be. This objection may be ur an against religious exercises of every kind, and, therefore, those who are in favor of religious instruction aminers that he has studied the subcannot be supposed to urge it. It is tions of the education department do far enough. As they now stand, the teacher is required to read the Scriptures without comment or explanation, and the argument is, if the reading of the Scriptures is to be the state has its duty to discharge in teacher should be permitted, both duties of the parent also. The schoolmeaning clear. This is the crux the whole religious difficulty. The of the whole religious difficulty. The of the whole religious difficulty. The teachers in our public schools have that it is not meant that the schooland represent every phase of denominrotestant. If comment and explanagion were allowed, these would necesarily be colored by the denominational communities the schoolroom would be at once possibly used to propagate the views of such teacher to the great danger of his usefulness and the harmony of the section. It is true, the matters and could give much profit able religious instruction without injury to the sensibilities or predilections the parents and guardians to who was responsible; but notwithstand-g his impartiality, it is easy to see how his good intentions might of credited. From the great diversity of opinions, therefore, which prevail to the meaning of the Scriptures in almost every matter pertaining to religious truth, the only course seems : be the one taken by

Still another view. If the teacher is ture lessons, it would be necessary to in Bible criticism and exegesis. How is that instruction to be given? There would necessarily follow an examination as to the accuracy and extent of his knowledge. How is that examinafurther, without the establishment of a state church, how could any govern-ment fix the standards for religious teachers as to their knowledge of the

The teaching of the Ten Command-

I have suffered for years with fluttering of the heart, sleeplessness, and tired feeling, with occasional backache. I am now thunder-cloud. Something is wrong. on the second box of Dodd's He eats and drinks in silence. He Kidney Pills, and am improving every day. I can highly recommend them to my fellow-men as the best medicine on earth, and shall never miss an opportunity of saying a good word for Dodd's Kidney Pills.

T. J. DONOHUE, Crystal City, Man.

lie schools, and in cities and towns 1,322 visits. The moral effect of such

visits upon the pupils and teacher can-not be but beneficial. Turning from

there is another side of the question

lic schools to the education depart

the development of their moral character. Then the reading books auth-

principles which should regulate the

life and conduct of the pupil can be

of the schoolroom, and in the amuse

ments of the playground, and in the settlements of disputes, as well as in the ordinary administration of the

school, the teacher has frequent op-portunities of cultivating in his pupils

habits of kindness, manliness and self-respect, without which ethical codes

teacher's work considered, that his duty

in this respect has been defined by

act of parliament. The School Act of

spect for religion and the princ

and all other virtues."

authorized text-book.

room

regard for truth, justice, love of coun

try, humanity, benevolence, sobriety,

the dangerous effect of alcoholic stimu-

receiving a certificate to teach a pub-

should be negatively moral.

It might very properly enforce, by

positive and practical means, the moral influences and kindly discipline

of a well-regulated home; but, beyond

this, no regulation that can be devis-

fluence or power in forming the moral character of the child which the natur-

al relations in the case confer upon

required by the most extreme advo-

responsibilities of the parent, at least

in the matter of religious instruction.

in the Abstract.

[New Orleans Picavune.]

The talkative woman has furnished

the text for many a song and sermon.

tongue was always found at the bot-tom of all trouble. "Your children

are all dumb?" inquires that lovable

old vagabond, Rip Van Winkle, of the

any freedom of speech. The most op-pressive of domestic tyrants are not

hose who say what they think, and

nder whose ghastly influence cheer-

This is not often a feminine fault.

rom suffering by the pleasure of dis-

ussing it. The sullen silence is gen-

erally a masculine folble. It is often the lordly way with which a man punishes the women of his household.

He descends to breakfast, or comes home to dinner with a face like a

reads his paper wth a portentious dumbness that strikes despair and

consternation into the bosom of his family. In vain they ask what is the matter. Is he ill? What has gone wrong? Who has offended? To all their solicitious inquiries he responds "Nathing" in a tone of voice that in

'Nothing" in a tone of voice that im-

plies everything, and is an arraign-ment of the entire household from the

man always takes great credit to him-

wife to the kitchen maid.

on languishes and dies.

are done with it. They are those who

as the proverb has it. We

"Your children

If woman's critics may be thought

constitute any criterion the most

are utterly valueless; in fact, so important is this department of the

what may fairly be called the religi

inderstanding and reconciliation.

Too much silence is no less a menace friendship than too much speech How many misunderstandings, and how many heart-burnings, could have been avoided if only there had been a little more candor. One fancies slight; one imagines a friend is a little less cordial, or something occurs that one does not quite understand. Often, almost always the trouble could be set right by a slight explanation, and struction for public schools is also it is one of the tragedies of friend-compulsory, and teachers are required ship that we trust it so little we dare to see that certain appropriate pas-sages of the Scripture lessons are mem-tion, or by accident. Pride counsels The extent of the provision for the sages of the Scripture lessons are mem-religious and moral education of the orized. From both of these exercises silence, and so we go our lonely way the danger eager women run of being on either side of a chasm that a word In addition to the religious instruc- might bridge.

dealt with openly and frankly, and at the worst gives a woman a chance to defend herself. Against silence one

urge no excuse. It is an arctic wall that freezes up all approaches to an

tion imposed by regulation, facilities are afforded for instruction by the clergymen of any denomination to the clergymen of any denomination of the clergymen of any denomination of the clergymen of the clergymen of any denomination of the clergymen pupils belonging to his own church. never the one we voluntarily choose This instruction must be given after schools, leaver the one who school hours. In 369 rural schools, chirps as blithely and as meaningless-clergymen availed themselves of this ly as a canary, than the one who is guage: as a companion. Better the one who by the Newcastle (England) Chronicle they would have done much more. As the right word in the right place. For supplementary to this, however, it may there is a duty of speech no less than be noted that in the rural districts a duty of silence.

## A New World's Wonder

Falls and Whirlpool.

Grand Trunk Preparing for the Formal Opening of the New Steel Arch Bridge.

At the present time the eyes of the never before witnessed at a sale.' whole world are directed toward Canada. The remarkable successes which have attended the visit to England of orized by our education department Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the premier of the issued a little nandbook containing contain many lessons from which the Dominion, and the denunciation by new rules governing the relations of onfines of the Dominion.

Scientists and members of the learn-1896, section 76, provides as follows: ed professions have flocked to the country to hold their annual conven-"It shall be the duty of every teacher to inculcate by precept and example tions, and examine for themselves its resources. of Christian morality, and the highest

Among the many corporations which have done much to retain the interest thus aroused, the Grand Trunk Railindustry, frugality, purity, temperance, way system, under its new and enermanagement takes a foremost Lastly, it must not be forgotten place. The work undertaken in conthat the study of physioloy and tem-perance is also compulsory, and that with the substitution modern structure for the old Victoria every pupil in the public schools of tubular bridge over the St. Lawrence, has excited the utmost interest among civil engineers the world over, while the completion of the Grand Trunk new single arch steel bridge over the lants and narcotics. In 1895, 191,715 pupils received formal instruction in temperance in the public schools, and Niagara River, which replaces the his-toric Suspension Bridge, is the talk of 12,382 in the separate schools of the province. Every teacher, also, before railway officials from one end of the ontinent to the other. That the latlic school, has to pass an examina-tion in physiology and temperance, and ter structure which, at the time of the erection in 1855 was considered— and justly—a marvel of engineering ject at least within the limits of the skill, should have been entirely replace ed upon exactly the same spot with.

tives with four pairs of drivers each and 40,000 pounds on each pair, followed by a train of 3,500 pounds per running foot, while on the lower deck is designed to carry a live load of 3,000 pounds per running foot. In a word,

will sustain a weight of over six the sustaining capacity of the ld bridge. Silence Is a Virtue We Admire Chiefly tion with this great engineering feat will take place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23, 24 and 25, and the management of the Grand Trunk Railway system has determined to give a carnival at the Falls which will

Wits have derided her garrulity, moralists have ground over her tendency to gossin and declared that a woman's o gossip, and declared that a woman's and 25, will consist of open-air variety entertainments from two large elevated platforms, one of which will be on the American and the other on the more than a finger in width and sew the American, and the other on the Canadian side of the river, open air ghostly dwarf of the Catskills. "And they are all boys? My, my, what a pity! What wives they would make!" dancing to the strains of the best pity! What wives they would make.
No doubt there are many occasions pole, sack races, egg races, etc., for which cash prizes will be offered; and will fit into a corner and be most convenient. on Thursday evening a magnificent must all plead guilty to having said many things that had better been left lumination of the Falls and Whirlpool Rapids will take place, being the first time this gigantic enterprise has ence can seem more appalling than urday evenings an elaborate display of fireworks from the new bridge will be given, and will be without doubt the at the World's Fair at Chicago. Women like to cry aloud their grievances, and get a kind of recompense

tractor of the world.

please To those who have never visited that similar to the cauliflower, but more system, should prove a temptation too strong to be resisted, while to those who have visited the great falls by day, the prospect of seeing them one blaze of electricity and colored light Such a will appeal, without doubt, success-

self for not "saying anything" when he is angry, but the average woman For Constipation take Karl's Clover Dodd's Kidney Pilis

sinner, who swears what is known as a "blue streak" when he is mad, and then lets the matter rest. The man who speaks his mind can at least be sinner, who swears what is known as a "blue streak" when he is mad, and then lets the matter rest. The man who speaks his mind can at least be sinner, who swears what is known as a "Boot Tea, the great Blood Purifier. Cures here and not knowing any French, the Cockney took up the bill and pointed to the first item thereon.

The waiter promptly brought soup, Chicago.

# Will Interest

A Woman Crushed to Death at a Bargain Sale.

Official Status of Servants in Russia -Summer Rest for the Hair.

Humorous writers have made a great crushed to death in the jam. It remained for England to produce a real scribed in a cold, matter-of-fact way

"A remarkable fatality occurred in Mare street, Hackney, on Saturday. A sale at a local draper's was announced to begin in the morning, and a large rowd of women assembled long before the doors were opened. Some were there as early as a quarter to 6. Among them was an old lady, who succeeded in getting into the shop, and fell fainting at a counter while making a small purchase. With the assistance of the police she was got out and a doc-The Illumination of Niagara to sent for, but life was found to be extinct. The body was removed to the mortuary. A large force of police were on duty throughout the day to control the crowds and at intervals it became necessary to close the doors.

SERVANTS IN RUSSIA.

The governor of St. Petersburg has wearisome illness, from which

and knocked out two of his teeth, in many the way of a "reproach" for having relief opened his shop half an hour before the legal time.

GIVING THE HAIR A REST.

The wise woman has given to her It is well, in considering the whole out an interruption of even five min- been doing it in some new fashion, to m question of meral and religious in-question of meral and religious in-which passes over it, is without struction, to distinguish between the doubt a remarkable tribute to the advances which have been made by the dull and faded from a long winter of more I had fully regained health and the reading of the Scriptures is to be of any substantial benefit to the pupils they teacher should be permitted, both length, supplemented by a trussed and once a week it has been combed span at either end, of 115 feet in length, so that with the approaches, its total length is a little more than 1,100 feet, while the railway tracks are 250 feet cleanse and brighten it. It is done, if cific for the troubles which make the above the water. It has two decks possible, in braids, and after the locks lives of so many women a burden and or floors, the upper being used for railway purposes exclusively, while the silk cloth. She makes a point of coil to pale and sallow cheeks. Sold by lower contains a wide central carriage way, double electric car tracks, and them hang at night and during the day at passage way for pedestrians.

Beautiful as it is in appearance, the bridge is of enormous strength, it having been designed to carry on each railway track a load of two locomotives with four pairs of drivers each lossely and hanging below the nape of the neck, thus putting no pull upon the head, is again in favor, a strand of bright ribbon helving the day when she takes her beauty sleep. The old fashion of braids woven together loosely and hanging below the nape of the neck, thus putting no pull upon the head, is again in favor, a strand of bright ribbon helving the day when she takes her beauty sleep. The old fashion of braids woven together loosely and hanging below the nape of the neck, thus putting no pull upon the head, is again in favor, a strand of bright ribbon helving the day when she takes her beauty sleep. The old fashion of braids woven together loosely and hanging below the nape of the neck, thus putting no pull upon the head, is again in favor, a strand of bright ribbon helving the day when she takes her beauty sleep. The old fashion of braids woven together loosely and hanging below the nape of the neck, thus putting no pull upon the head, is again in favor, a strand of bright ribbon helving the day when she takes her beauty sleep. The old fashion of braids woven together loosely and hanging below the nape of the neck, thus putting no pull upon the head, is again in favor, a strand of bright ribbon helving the neck that head, is again in favor, a strand of bright ribbon helping to hold the hair and a branch of blossoms adding to the

> USE OF THE FLOUR BARREL. in a corner of a sewing room for hold- guage was exhausted he said: ing pieces left from dresses, bits of new The opening celebrations in connec- muslin and flannels that are always give a carmival at the Falls which and long be talked of by those who take advantage of the remarkably low rates which are being put in force for this wrapping paper inside the barrel to wrapping paper inside the barrel to both sides with the cretonne, over hauling the material together at the around to cover the edge. Fasten this cover to the barrel with two pieces of bands obtainable in the country, old English sports, climbing the greasy pole, sack races, egg races, etc. for

> > venient.

FLOWERS GOOD TO EAT. The use of flowers, such as rose the exception of that given favor. This flower and its pungent The leaves are said to possess valuable the personal direction of Mr. Henry J. ong the most approved additions for Pain, the leading pyrotechnic consalads and sandwiches to vary the

ractor of the world.

The artists who have been engaged The latest accession to the dietary for the variety entertainment are all list is that favorite fall flower, the box of your pills. I had never her well known, and four of the most famous military bands in America have ous military bands in America have been engaged to give concerts in the as pleasant to taste as it is beautiful but can truly say that I do not feel a fermion and evening of each day. During the three days' carnival the served as a salad with a French dressbridge will be open for the free pas- ing, or chopped fine with a nicely sea- little fingers. sage of the public to and fro as they soned cream sauce poured over them.

DINNER ON SOUP AND TOOTH-PICKS. A young Cockney couple went to Paris to spend their honeymoon, and

put up at a fashionable hotel. On sitting down to their first din-

to which full justice was done. then pointed to the second item. The waiter looked surprised, but brought two more plates of soup. Not wanting to show his ignorance of French, he and his bride soon disosed of the two plates of soup, al-lough the effect was not very filling. Thinking to strike something solid, the Cockney pointed to the fifth line on the bill. This time the waiter fair-ly started, but, obeying orders, brought

Accepting their fate with calm dig nity, they also disposed of the third

"Well, Jennie," said he, "I think we've had enough soup to get along without meat; suppose we slip down Approved in each case. Bound not to make any mistake this

two more plates of soup.

time, the Cockney then expressed his desire to be served with the last item on the bill. The garcon (waiter) shrugged his shoulders, and as quick as lightning placed before them a bundle of tooth-

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[From the Amherst, N. S., Sentinel.] The rugged and the strong do no became necessary to close the dot.

The excitement did not subside until the place was finally shut up at 11 the place was finally shut up at 11 mess who feel that health is a treasure necessary to close the dot.

It is only the who have passed through a trying illens who feel that health is a treasure necessary to close the dot. sons declared that such scenes were to be prized more than silver or gold. Among those who have experienced the truth of this is Miss Sabra Rector, of West River, Hebert, N. S. This lady had passed through a trying and health and strength to thousands of Great Britain of important commercial master and servant. It provides that others, and whose medicinal virtue life and conduct of the pupil can be readily enforced. Every experienced treaties with such powerful nations as teacher also knows that, in the work Germany and Belgium in order to meet of the school room, and in the amuse.

Great Britain of important commercial treaties with such powerful nations as servants of either sex may be dismissed in the dismissed of the school room, and in the amuse.

Will work equally good results in all cases where it is given a fair trial Miss Rector says: "I feel it is more than the school room and in the amuse."

The school room and in the amuse. the overtures of the colony, have caused the politicians of the old world to regard with novel interest that portion of the new which Voltaire once the colony, have caused the politicians of the old world to regard with novel interest that portion of the new which Voltaire once the colony, have caused the premises of their employer during three hours. The regulations make no mention of any justifiable circumstances, or what is called "force managed the colony, have caused the politicians of the old world to regard with novel interest that portion of the new which Voltaire once the colony, have caused the premises of their employer during three hours. The regulations make no mention of any justifiable circumstances, or what is called "force managed the colony, have caused the politicians of the old world to regard with novel interest that portion of the new which Voltaire once the colony, have caused the politicians of the old world to regard with novel interest that portion of any justifiable circumstances, or what is called "force managed the colony, have caused the politicians of the old world to regard the politicians of the old world to recommend the politicians of the old world the old world the old world the politicians of the old world the snow and ice." Nor has the interest been confined to countries of the old world, the people of the republic to the south having been strated by the the south having been stratled by the being charged with any criminal of-announcement of the discovery of ferise. The regulations again say noth-large quantities of gold within the long about the result of the summons, ing about the result of the summons, so that, even if the accused is declared utterly innocent, he or she can still be dismissed, and left in such case without a character to seek another situation. The employer can also dismiss servants for rudeness toward him or servants for rudeness toward him or members of his family, but no protection, and there was no improvement tion is offered to servants against any rude conduct and abuse of the employer. On the contrary, the regula-tions distinctly give the employer the right to use ukoritelnye—i. e., reproachful expressions. What the Rusproachful expressions. What the Russian police understand under the term "reproachful" is left entirely fo the employer to decide. It is known, for instance, how the governor of Odessa, how Vice-Admiral Zelenol, gave a violent slap on the face to an Odessa citizen, slap on the face to an Odessa citizen,

many remedies, but they gave me no relief whatever. I had become so weak, and my system was so run down that life was a burden to me. At this stage my attention was directed to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I determined to give them a trial. After using four boxes I felt so much better Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a spe at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2 50, by addressing the Dr. Williams Medicine Company, Brockvill Beware of imitations and substitute

WHERE HE GOT EVEN. Two dusky small boys were quar eling; one was pouring forth a torren leaned against a fence and calmly con-

Are you troo?"

You ain't got nuffin' more to say? "Well, ali dem tings what you called

is caused by the kidneys failing to properly filter out of it all poisonous If you are tired, dull, aching and suffering greatly from a combination of ailments, you may be sure your kidneys are clogged and inactive. Cure your Kidneys and the blood will take care of itself. You can be

write in regard to your pills, and m the this gigantic enterprise has been undertaken. On Friday and Sat-leaves and violets, for making confec-urday evenings an elaborate display of feared it might return, but I can say grandest display ever witnessed with possibly the exception of that given favor. This flower and its purgent your Little Liver Pills have cured m uminations and fireworks are under dietetic properties and are classed am- troubled with rheumatism for severs years. I have tried several remedi for it, but got no permanent help until lame with it, when my sister sent me a and painful, and I could not straighte The flowers have a flavor somewhat it out. It is all right now. It was the reathese who have never visited that greatest of nature's many marvels— delicate.

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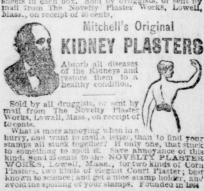
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