

PUBLIC OPINION.

THEY MAY HAVE IT.—The Jews of Whitechapel may have definite and distinctive religious teaching in Board Schools. Roman Catholics and other denominationalists enjoy no such privilege. Well, it is something to recognize that a fraction of the nation has a conscience, even though the conscientious scruples of ninety-nine out of a hundred Londoners are disregarded. Some time or other the Gentile population of London may be admitted to the privilege of Jews. Let us not despair. This is an age of progress.—*School Guardian* (London).

RELIGION IN EDUCATION.—There is a class of sober, intelligent and conservative Protestant Christian men who are as thoroughly convinced of the importance and necessity of a decided religious education for the rising generation as Catholics are. Either the number of such men is increasing, or those who have heretofore been convinced are gaining courage to declare themselves publicly, and to advocate the cause of Christian education as the only sure guarantee of good citizenship.—*Catholic Review*, N.Y., Aug. 16, 1890.

THE INFINITELY LITTLE.—In these days the tyranny of learning is driving the world to madness. Professors of all sorts have got the upper hand, and their supremacy threatens to be fatal to the rest of the world. Here is an opportunity for medicine. If doctors were large-minded and capable men like Shakespeare and Bacon, they would see the truth and assert their scientific authority. But what are they doing? Nothing at all to guide the world in the matter! They are the worst offenders of all in the way of inflicting upon young men unlimited

intellectual tasks, the doing of which is of no practical service to anybody. Sleeplessness, nervousness, mania in every form, are upon us, and nothing is done. The whole medical world itself is in full cry, striving who shall be first to put salt on the tail of the tubercle bacillus. It is as if all the forces of the empire should be sent to arrest a lunatic at Wick while a foreign army was in possession of Penzance. We are a profession of grubbers. The infinitely little alone has any charms for us. The great we cannot deal with at all. The future of the human race depends upon the sound bodily and mental health of the civilized peoples. We are permitting schoolmasters and examiners to ruin both without a word of protest.—*The Hospital*.

THEY ARE NOT ALL ALIKE.—Children cannot be expected to prove themselves well trained, where the cardinal rule of their parents is to "treat them all alike." And what is true of the family, in this respect, is true of the school. The mark from a blue pencil on yellow paper will have a greenish hue, and on red paper it will have a violet, or purple, hue; while on orange-coloured paper it will be almost a neutral tint. Only on white paper will the blue pencil make its own blue mark. Not often does Nature put exactly the same tint on two minds, or dispositions, or souls, of a family or of a school. And he who would write his teaching upon the young must vary the colour of his pencils if he would make a true blue mark on them all alike. Never can a man put the exact tint of his pencil on any one person; for the white soul is a soul that he never has to deal with. The same word spoken, even the same tone of a word, will