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Interperate.

Interperance is not confined to over-indulgence in alcoholic liquors by any manner of means.

Interperance in speech, if written and published may work far more harm and wreck more havoc than the interperance of the individual drunkard.

Current education is responsible for the unsocial condition in our midst.

We make a fetish of the public school with its cheap information and shopkeeping accomplishments.

If we can only put into the mind of the child a correct interpretation of social canners we shall be able to build up a constructive force.

The present system of education does not educate.

The present ideal of education is the perpetuation of the wage system which is slavery and which is responsible for delinquency and crime.

The capitalistic classes have twisted vocational teaching to serve their own interests.

Our present education makes of men and women mere commodities and fails to recognize social ideals.

The school system does not educate for Democracy but is merely training for use in a privately-owned oligarchy.

These sculences are not the product of a Catholic agitator. They are not the campaign arguments of a Socialist or anarchist orator but a Julia D. Pratt, director of manual training and voice culture in the Buffalo public schools in an address delivered in Rochester recently.

These are queer sentiments to be uttered by a public school teacher. If educator's do not educate, whose fault is it? Certainly, not the public's.

If the Pratt's and the others who think in the same vein, were to have their way, where would be the wherewithal to put the plan into operation be raised? If taxpayers derive no benefit from the schools they will soon raise tuition. Not all parents can raise their boys and girls to be dilettantes, as Miss Pratt would have the schools turn out.

Is It Bluff?

It is possible that the Mayor and Chief of Police erred in a tactical sense in the way they stopped the presentation of an objectionable film play, or at tempted to stop it.

month ago, a two weeks ago and never should have been open to the public, but not necessarily. It will fall upon the showman to prove that contention and no one knows this better than the shrewd lawyer who is handling the case.

At all events, whichever schools provided and kept up by the government. No denying the impudence of the nomination is taxed twice over non-Rochesterian, who is back because it remains faithful to its ing the film play in question.

In Canada, as well, at least in the Province of Quebec, the Catholic's are not taxed double but only pay the expense of their own schools.

"Little Joke."

If there be one place in New York State, where bigotry and sectarianism should not be tolerated it is in a state normal school.

Great Britain is now accused of prohibiting the sale of an American typewriter in Australia for the benefit of Australian manufacturers and probably the charge is true.

Yet a recent incident reported from Buffalo would lead one to a contrary conclusion. An instructor named Woellner was discussing the Panama Canal before a class of adult teachers taking a normal extension course.

Let the Union and Times tell the story after Mr. Woellner had said that the King of Spain did not feel losses equal to the expense of cutting the canal.

Balboa's sovereign appealed to the Pope as to whether the 18th pointed Rev. Francis C. Kelley, editor of "Extenson" as their representative in the United States. Private Secretary Tumlet no man put asunder. Romeulity may object but no better sepoke and science was throttled.

An ominous silence followed, when with indignation in face and voice a Catholic teacher asked: "Mr. Woellner, will you please give us your authority for such a statement?"

Dr. Johnson by certain Low Church adherents pressed further as to the specific work in which it could be found, Mr. Woellner said he would answer his question at next lesson.

When the next lesson arrived, Saturday, Feb. 26th, the class waited in vain for the promised information. Instead, the period was finished, when the following cowardly retrogression was made:

The irreverent quotation of sacred scriptures was merely a joke on the part of the doughty educator; adults such as the class before him should have a sense of humor and be able to appreciate such jokes as the wilful misapplication of God's Word, and the coupling of it with falsehood.

In his "little joke" Mr. Woellner deliberately insulted his employers, the 2,885,824 Catholics who help to support the normal schools of the state of New York, included in which are the 307,411 of the diocese of Buffalo, among whom are the parents of the Educational circles in Canada Catholic teachers whom he directly insulted.

This is not the first time that this paper has learned of anti-Catholic behavior on the part of employees of Catholic taxpayers in the State Normal, nor is this the last time that such contemptible tactics as Mr. Woellner's will be exploited through these columns. Suppose the class consisted of small children who accepted as truth what such a teacher as Mr. Woellner taught, what would be the result? From such sources arise the bigotry that is rampant in the United States.

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A Question.

In a recent plea for an adjustment of the burden of expense of schools, Canon William Barry says:

"I turn to the German empire, divided like England into various religious bodies, and I am told that each of the leading denominations has its own teachers in schools provided and kept up by the imperial government. No de-nominations is taxed twice over non-Rochesterian, who is back because it remains faithful to its principles of the free school."

In the death of Judge William E. Werner, the State loses an able jurist, and the city of Rochester one of its most eminent citizens.

The Anglican or Episcopal Church in Canada has adopted a new compromise prayer book. Being a cause of opposition as to the creed by certain Low Church adherents in the new Prayer-Book the creed is printed so that it can be used at will. Certain italicised passages being for High Church use while the Low Church men will omit and ignore them!

The Toronto Catholic Register is of the opinion that the German Kaiser is not orthodox. We are not inclined to dispute our contemporary's assertion.

Well, if the Panama canal should ultimately prove unfeasible, we may yet dig the Nicaraguan ditch.

It may be that Home Rule is not and will not be an assured fact in Ireland until the Irish demonstrate that they will furnish recruits without conscription. Possibly Mr. Redmond should have driven a harder bargain when the war opened.

One of their finest scholars in the death of Sister Austin, St. Joseph's Community, Toronto.

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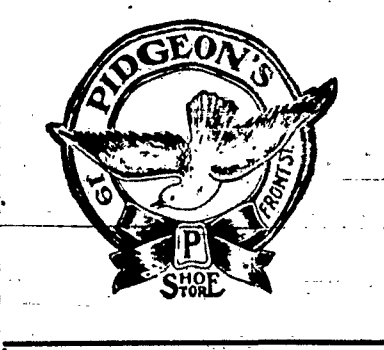
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