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EXCHANGING SCHOOL TEACHERS An interesting proposal, and one

which has in it much that is of value, has been adopted unanimously by the iducation committee of York, Engand. The committee agreed unani hously to offer the elementary and lecondary teachers, both male and lomale, the opportunity of exchanging their positions with teachers in Canada. Alderman J. B. Morrell, of York, who introduced the proposal, taid the idea was suggested to him luring a visit to Canada, and that the teachers in this country would welcome such an opportunity of seeing what teaching methods were followed in England. In the same way, he suggested, the English teachers would learn much from their experiences in Canadian schools, and the plan would, be one of benefit to the Empire.

This idea is not altogether a new one, but this is the first time it has been taken up seriously by English sducationists. It has in it so many idvantages and so much that is of lional boards. It is not entirely a matter for local action, such as has been taken in York. It is a matter of so great importance and of such value that the Ontario Department of Education could well afford to take the whole plan under its care and develop it to the limit of its posed by teachers from England, would that he obtained all he required. not be an expensive project, but it Moreover, the circulars of liquor deawould be of inestimable benefit to lers have been carried into every teachers and scholars alike. So far, home as never before, and it is esthe plan is merely in the auggestion timated that the distilleries have prostage, but it should not be allowed duced more whiskey than they did to drop without being given a thor- before any measure of prohibition

LIFE'S POSITIVES.

It is as interesting as it is amusing to the world traveller to find himself as he moves about, pagan and Christian alternately, and to discover that in a journey from Calcutta to Edinburgh, through Constantinople, Athens, Rome and London, that he has been damned half a dozen times. And your traveller, if he has a sense of humor, is very likely to tell his friends that he has decided to do more, think less and not peer too closely into the business of living. Yet when any man has succeeded in this world it has not been by negatives. If he has achieved anything it kinds of alcoholic beverages. has been because of positive principles. It has not been by reiterating his "I do not believe," but by his insistence on "I do believe."

It is so in the scheme of things. Nature is always positing; the very universe is itself a proposition. Every leaf, every perfume, every cloud, every storm, every little child, is a deep-throated affirmation, an attempt to assert itself and to express itself. Every littlest thing in creation is an idea incarnate-the world is God ex- phones, the spread of good roads and pressing Himself. As Schopenhauer the growth in popularity of the autopoints out, every quality of an object | mobile were all expected to do their is as mysterious as a soul. Being share in keeping boys on the farm, yourself, you are no other of a dozen but still the exodus continues. Why other things; therefore the world is it that, with farm life now made needs you and will be poorer without more attractive than ever before.

of his beliefs; even though a man's been seeking for the reason, and here mimic tribute to the dish the Engof his innermost self he projects the leave the farm so long as agriculto-be. Hence there is always a sharp tural papers and farmers themselves distinction between the Christianity continue bitterly to decry their own tively. that has been lived and that which calling." has been postulated. The worldliness This answer to the question is not within the church is not therefore far removed from the truth. Indeed,

sion means little-life everything; It is only natural that a boy with that if Christianity is wrong we must an active brain will reason that it

eagerly waiting for the man whose positive, pure, authoritative, which comes from a well springing up withif paid in advance\$5.00 ing him unto life eternal. No one

THE TEMPERANCE ISSUE.

see temperance become a practical Letters to the Editor are published realization. Under the present laws only over the actual name of the that permit of the importation of liquor there is a very wide discrimination as between the poor man and the rich. The Ontario Temperance Act is a measure that does not prohibit or prevent the man with money stocking up his cellar with all lines of intoxicating beverages, but it does prevent the poor man having it. It is a striking fact, too, that in most of the prosecutions the poor man is the

As a matter of justice, therefore, the laws should be improved. If importation is to be permitted while the present act is in force, illicit traffic will be carried on and those buying liquor will be charged extortionate prices. It might have been better had the government taken over the entire control of liquor in the province, but the time when that might have been done has passed, and the issue now is the prohibition of the importation of liquor into Ontario. The people will be called upon to cast their votes next month, and it should be borne in mind by all who think about this matter at all that the present temperance law cannot be justly enforced, or enforced in a manner that tends to achieve the results long aimed at, viz., sobriety on the part of all the people. The importation of liquor must be stopped, and when this has been done we will be in a position to judge the results of prohibi tion with some degree of accuracy. we will then know whether it is all raine that it is worthy of serious con- that the temperance leaders claim sideration on the part of our educa- for it and what we felt ought to be the beneficial results. With liquor pouring into the province, and the temptation of fabulous prices to unscrupulous persons desiring to get rich quick, the worst forms of the traffic have been brought about instead of an improvement. Drunkenness has increased in large cities like ibilities. A systematic method of ex- Toronto, for the toper accustomed to thange, whereby so many teachers an occasional drink had to obtain a tould spend a year in English bottle, if anything, and the ramificaschools, while their places were fill- tions of the "whiskey rings" saw to it

> was adopted. Under such circumstances Ontario cannot have any semblance of prohibition unless the importation of liquor is stopped. It would perhaps be better to wait and allow education on the question to work out the desired condition of immunity to alcoholism, but by adopting the proposals now about to be placed before the people there will undoubtedly be a great deal of suffering eliminated, and this alone is sufficient justification for the law. This is the view now entertained by most people previously indifferent to all temperance proposals, and they will vote in favor of | Heights, Cincinnati? the prohibition of importation of all

WHY YONG MEN LEAVE THE

FARM. The problem of rural depopulaion is one which has for many years alled out for attention. Politicians of all kinds have striven to arrest the rush of young men from the farms to the cities. Improvements in farming methods have eliminated much of the hard physical labor. Rural mail deliveries, rural telerural depopulation has not been Nature insists on man's assertion halted? The Alliston Herald has an air of eestacy. After this pantodeal lies ever beyond his actual; out is the answer: "Boys will continue to

primarily evidence of decay. It is a it strikes closer to the root of the Mr. Hallman she didn't change her declaration of just so much as each matter than most of the other reaconvert brought in with him. And in sons given. Apparently it never ocits double task of keeping itself un- curs to the farmer that this continual spotted from the world and exorcis- advertising of the claim that farming the devils within, the church has ing is an unremunerative business developed great faculties of patience is the greatest factor of all in bringand of resistance. It has been her ing boys to a decision to leave the steady adherence to positive princi- farm. With some farmers deploring ples that has given authority and life- their lot every time they enter int giving force to the church with a conversation with anyone, with their message. It is the conviction that the spokesmen continually stating from Infinite God is in Christ that makes the platform that there is not ademen bow before Him. It is the convict quate remuneration in agriculture tion that His pardon, peace and pow and the same declaration being er are a part of His own inner conse blazoned forth in agricultural papers lousness that make men say, "Never day after day and week after week. man spake as this man." We do well is it any wonder that boys living on to remember, therefore; that profes- the farm decide to go to the city?

amend it, that if it is a mistake we would be utter foolishness for him must take the world to something to stay on the farm when he hears better, that if it is right we are bound his father and neighbors say that all the opportunities are in the cities The world does not hunger much and none in the country. He has for what men do not believe; it is listened to this statement so frequently since his early childhood 292 whole soul is vibrant with a message, that to him it has become an undisputed fact. It is not to be wondered at, then, that when a farmer approaches the subject of having his son take a partnership in the farm, or of taking it over, the young man has always been told that farming is no good, and he can't see why he

> who cry loudest against the exodus from the country to the city. There are none so blind as those who will not see, and they are evidently so anxious to give the impression that they are a poor, down-trodden class that they drive away those who might otherwise stay on the land. They need to adopt a boosting policy, rather than a knocking one. The are the most prosperous and independent class in the country, but is a hard thing to find a farmer who

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The Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Limit.

Another Hick. He's fond of "ath-a-letics," dause

Poor Old Paw! Willie-Paw?

Paw-You get to hed, young man You are getting too blame smart!

We bury Oswald Binks to-day. Don't offer prayer!

Revolving chair. "Why is it that men of genius never

"Well," replied the Grouch. "They see so little of it that they never have a chance to form any definite opinion

We hate to keep anyone out of the Club. But whaddy we gonna do with Mothershead, of Kennedy

That fellow always wants to fight, He's a pugnacious dub. I fear: He scraps all day, and then at night He gets in bed and pounds, his ear. -Luke McLuke

And that's the reason why, perhaps,

That every night he hits the hay. -Newark Advocate. A Boston reader claims that the oldest joke is the one about the Englishman who took dinner with a Chinese could speak little English and the Engishman could speak no Chinese. One of the dishes was a delicious stew made out of mushrooms, onions and a dark, tender, well-flavored meat that tasted like duck. The Englishman ate heartily of this stew and then closed ishman said, interrogatively as he pointed to the dish:

"Quack. quack?" The Chinaman shook his head nega-

"No," said he. "Bow-wow!"

Is That So! Dear Luke: When Miss Hall married

Walt Mason

fort will begin. A little while they'll Yet, the farmers are the very ones little while they'll think it sport to trail the bootleg shark through alley foul and squalid court, to some secommands, that make a man take off his shoes and walk upon his hands. A little while they'll walk in gloom, and yearn for things to drink, and

truth is that the farmers of Canada nards sick. But all things perish and e'en a thirst will fade away, if it's give a dime to greet the Demon Rum. And often they will wonder why they used to wildly beef because they lacked a shot of rye to multiply their

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