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BIBLE-READING IN SCHOOLS.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN Act to sanction the daily Reading of the Bible in the Public Schools. Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of the Act is "The Bible-reading in Schools Act, 1885." Short Title.

2. The School Committee of a school district already or which may hereafter be constituted under "The Education Act, 1877," may sanction the daily reading, without comment, of a portion of the Bible in the public school or schools in such district. School Committees may sanction daily reading of the Bible, without comment, in the public schools.

3. The time during which such reading shall take place shall be at the beginning or at the end of the meeting of the school, and shall be inserted in a time-table to be approved of by the Committee, to be permanently and conspicuously affixed in every schoolroom in which such reading shall take place. Time during which such reading shall take place.

4. Any scholar may be withdrawn by his or her parent or guardian during such reading without forfeiting any of the other benefits of the school. Any scholar may be absent during such reading without prejudice.

By Authority: GEORGE DEDSBURY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1885.