Hon. Mr. Menzies.

EDUCATION ACT 1877 AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title. Preamble. 1. Short Title. 2. School Committees may introduce bible reading in schools.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend Section Eighty-four of "The Education Act, 1877." Title. WHEREAS it is expedient to amend "The Education Act, 1877:" Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE 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 this Act is "The Education Act 1877 Amendment Short Title. 5 Act, 1881."
- 2. Section eighty-four of "The Education Act, 1877," is hereby amended School Committees by adding to subsection two the following words, namely:—"Provided always may introduce bible reading in schools. that any such Committee may, if it sees fit, direct that a portion of the Holy Scriptures shall be read aloud by the scholars of one or other of the senior 10 classes every morning at the opening of the school; but no child shall be compelled to attend at the reading herein provided for if his or her parent or guardian shall inform the Committee or the teacher in writing that they object to such attendance.

By Authority: George Didsbury, Government Printer, Wellington.—1881. No. 80-1.