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Labor-unionism has invaded the schools in Chicago, and is having its effect on both teachers and pupils. The teachers' federation of that city comprises thirty-five hundred teachers, and as only a small minority attend its meetings, the opportunity has been seized to use the organization politically. At a recent meeting, when only two hundred were present, it was voted to throw the organization into the Chicago Federation of Labor. The latter body accepted the offer, and the teachers' delegates were received in its councils. The speeches made at the seating of the teachers' representatives tend to show that the real object sought is the overthrow of the public school board, and its replacement by a committee of teachers elected by themselves. Chicago papers are pointing out that the final autocrat in such a scheme will be the Federation of Labor, and that the object sought is to place labor-unionism in control of the schools. A decided novelty in the same city is the strike of about three hundred pupils in the Jackson School. A teacher, Miss Jane McKeon, had expelled a boy for using obscene and profane language in the classroom. She refused to receive him back on the direction of the principal, and was suspended one month without pay. A majority of the pupils, ranging from ten to fourteen years of age, refused to attend school until she was reinstated, or to allow others to attend who desired to do so. The result has been that the school building has been in a state of siege, under the guard of eight policemen. Some of the parents have encouraged the infant strikers in acts of lawlessness. The school windows have been denominated "scabs" and violently maltreated. After leaving the school, police protection has not been sufficient, and they have been at the mercy of the youthful mob, who wear "union cards" and have even had the temerity to stone mothers escorting their children to and from the school. A sympathetic strike is now in progress at the Hammond School.—S. F. Argonaut.

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