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Bill accompanying the petition of B. B. Alling for legislation to prohibit the use of sectarian and religious titles and names on public schoolhouses. Education. January 17.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven.

### AN ACT

To prohibit the Use of Sectarian and Religious Titles and Names on Public Schoolhouses.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section nineteen of chapter forty-two of  
2 the Revised Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end  
3 thereof the words:— No name which includes any sec-  
4 tarian or religious title shall be given to any public school-  
5 house or to any building used for a public school, nor shall  
6 any such name be inscribed or displayed or maintained  
7 upon any such schoolhouse or building.— so that said sec-  
8 tion nineteen shall read as follows:—

9 *Section 19.* A portion of the Bible shall be read daily  
10 in the public schools without written note or oral com-  
11 ment; but a pupil whose parent or guardian informs the

12 teacher in writing that he had conscientious scruples  
13 against it shall not be required to read from any partic-  
14 ular version or to take any personal part in the reading.  
15 The school committee shall not purchase or use school  
16 books in the public schools calculated to favor the tenets  
17 of any particular religious sect. No name which includes  
18 any sectarian or religious title shall be given to any public  
19 schoolhouse or to any building used for a public school,  
20 nor shall any such name be inscribed or displayed or  
21 maintained upon any schoolhouse or building.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.