

to the Reports of its proceedings to speak for themselves,† but when it is affirmed, with a *particular reference to this country*, that the more newly imported system is the *sole* system adapted to embrace the Roman Catholics, it becomes impossible for the Committee to forbear noticing a statement, which is at once injurious to their own institution, and repugnant to facts in their possession.—The truth is, that *shortly after* the public annunciation of the School in connection with the *British and Foreign School Society*, some alarm was evidently in activity as to the religious tendency of Education conducted under Protestant auspices, which visited in its effects the *National School*, and caused every child belonging to the Roman Catholic Church to be withdrawn from it, with the exception of about a dozen,—withdrawn, let it be observed, *not* to be transferred to the School, which is supposed to be so peculiarly accommodated to the Members of that Church, but to different establishments of the Roman Catholics themselves in this City,—although *previously* to the above-mentioned annunciation, the National School had been formally visited by a respectable

† “It will be gratifying to those who take an interest in the substantial melioration of the condition of the lower orders, as it is promoted under the auspices of the National Society in this Kingdom, to be informed that their system of Education, which has been found so beneficial in its operation here, has recently been adopted in Sweden, under the sanction of his Swedish Majesty and the nation in general. An official communication to this effect, under the signatures of the President and Vice-President, Jacob de la Eardie and Archbishop Rosenstein, has been addressed to the General Committee of the National Society, containing a strong testimony (founded as is stated on experience) to the great use of “the method of mutual instruction;” together with a grateful acknowledgment “of the debt which the Swedish Society feels on this matter to the Revd. Dr. BELL and the British National School Society;”—and inclosing the first Report of its proceedings.”—*Christian Remembrancer* for Decr. 1824.