THE MONOPOLY OF THE ONTARIO SCHOOL SYSTEM.

There never was a greater monopoly in this Province than its present existing Public and High School system. The Ca-tholics of Ontario number nearly three hundred thousand, and yet they have no voice whatever in the Educational Government of the country. True, by the generosity of our Protestant friends and our own apathy, we are made the hewers of wood and drawers of water in Educational matters. Between the north polar circle of the Honorable the Minister of Education and the tropic of a High School Trustee, the Catholic in this Province dare not launch his timid bark. And why? Simply because Catholics allow such a state of things. There is no room for a Catholic in the Educational Government of this Province. No, but there is ample room for Catholic money in the treasury of Ontario to maintain a system of Separ-ate School Inspection, administered by men who care as much for the welfare and progress of Separate Schools as they do for the growth and development of the man in the moon. Why the Catholics of this Province have tamely submitted so long to such a farcical system of Separate School inspection, we cannot comprehend. School inspection, we cannot comprehend.
We can (easily understand how Catholics
are excluded from the Educational Deare excluded from the Educational De-partment; how that lieutenants to the Honorable Adam Crooks cannot chance to be Catholics—nay, more, that even one member of the Central Committee could not happen to be a Catholic; but that Protestant High School Inspectors, in whose eyes Separate Schools find no favor, should be premitted to enter our Separate should be permitted to enter our Separate Schools and report them from time to time seems indeed incredible. Now, we time seems indeed incredible. Now, we ask the Catholic teachers engaged in the Separate Schools of Ontario the question: Does the inspection administered in their respective schools by Protestant High School Inspectors promote the interests of these schools? The answer will be without doubt in the negative. But mark you, the High School Inspectors are not supposed to inspect Separate Schools: their duty is wholly bound up in the word report. That is, they make a pedestrian tour around the Separate School building; interview the teachers concerning their salaries, certificates and number building; interview the teachers concerning their salaries, certificates and number of classes; examine the daily register: fire a few High School questions at a class of little boys or girls of seven, eight, or nine years of age; and then bow themselves out. That is the end. No; we forgot; they report at the Department. Yes, they report; but through what process of churning these reports go ere they appear churning these reports go ere they appear in the annual Report of the Minister of Education we do not know; but this we Education we do not know; but this we do know, that the Annual Report of the Minister of Education, so far as it relates to the Separate Schools of Ontario, is a delusion and a snare, calculated to mislead the public, calculated to injure Separate Schools, calculated to show up the liberality of Protestants in school matters, where no such liberality exists. But we may be accused of making rash statements. Well, let us see. According to the report of the accused of making rash statements. Well, let us see. According to the report of the Minister of Education for 1871, the number of Separate Schools in the Province was 185. In the Annual Report for 1878, the number of Separate Schools is put down as 177, showing, the report goes on to say, a decrease of nine. Now there is not only a false discrepancy here but the reports of the number of Separate Schools for these two years are false on their very face. True, some attempt was made we believe at the time of the issuing of the believe at the time of the issuing of the Annual Report for 1878 to rectify or explain away the bungled mistake; but the impression left upon the public by the press commenting on the report was that Separate Schools were on the decline, and that they were losing favor even in the eyes of their Catholic supporters. Again the report for 1878 goes on to say, "that of 789 teachers of the Roman Catholic Church 456 are employed in the Public Schools of Ontario." Now we claim this is entirely misleading, and misleading too for a purpose. It is a well known fact that there exists in Ontario, especially in rural districts, a very large number of schools, nominally designated Public Schools, but virtually Separate Schools, almost every known remedy, "besides two Buffalo Physicians," without relief; but the oil cured him; he thinks it cannot be recommended too highly.

Mrs. Cornwallis West will be the reign-ing beauty of the British Legation during the street of the properties of the British Legation during the street of the street believe at the time of the issuing of the employment, and in the Annual Report such schools are denominated Public Schools; and thus the liberality of Protestant School Boards, in engaging so many Catholic teachers in such Public Schools as these, is spread abroad. Now we challenge the Minister of Education or his subletters in sile of the schools as the second his subalterns in office to point out to us a single prominent position held by a Ca-tholic as Head master in either the High or Public Schools of this Province. It is painful for us to throw out this challenge; but we have a duty to perform, and we intend to write after this form till we have intend to write after this form till we have standard. fully exposed that monopoly, the School System of Ontario.—Catholic Shield.

MOTHER.

Don't call your mother "old woman."
Let her always be "mother." "Old lady,"
is bad enough, but the "old woman" applied to her who gave you life and nursed
your infancy, is rude and unkind. A
writer has these reflections upon it. Once
it was "Mother, I'm hungry. Mother
mend my jacket. Mother put up my
dinner," and the mother with her loving
hands would spread the bread with butter
and stow away the luncheon, and sew on and stow away the luncheon, and sew on the great patch, her heart brimming with affection for the impectuous, curly little pate that made so many steps, and nearly distracted her with mirth.

Now she is "the old woman," but she did not think it would ever come to that. She looked on through future years and saw her boy to manhood grow, and he stood transfigured in the light of her own

ministrations now. Adrift from the tender moorings of home, he is cold, selfish, heart less. "Mother" has no sacred meaning to the prodigal. She is "the old women," wrinkled and gray, lame and blind. Pity her, O grave, and dry those tears that roll down her furrowed cheeks! Have compassion on her sensitive heart and offer passion on her sensitive heart, and offer it thy quiet rest that it may forget how much it longed to be "dear mother" to the boy it nourished through a careless child-hood, who in return for all this wealth of tenderness has only given back reproach. Reader, are you guilty of the like ingrati-

MISCELLANEOUS.

A pious fisherman once brought a fine fish as a present to the Abbot of a monastery in his neighborhood. Setting it down on the ground, it began to lash about as if on hot coals. One of the monks standing by said: "It is easy to see that he is suffering to get back to his element, the water, and that it is not possible for him to live out of it." "So it is with ment, the water, and that it is not possible for him to live out of it." "So it is with ourselves," replied the Abbot. "We cannot be at rest when we are out of our true element. We belong not to the earth, but to heaven. Therefore we cannot enjoy peace and quiet unless we live in God, by faith, hope, and charity. That is our element."

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