

She was asked, "What do you learn to write on, copy books or slates?" Answer, "We don't write at all; no time." "What do you *do* at school, then?" "We sews and sings hymns to the Virgin." "Nothing else?" "No; but we says pieces nows and thens," which it was ascertained referred to the Catechism. Now this girl was twelve years old, her parents not paupers by any means—yet they and others are satisfied to have the youth-time of their offspring spent in stitching and singing hymns! The true motive of separate schools lies, we fear, here, that it is not possible to stultify the school system otherwise. This poor child, in a mixed school, would be trained up a better mother of

future citizens, but possibly not so slavish a daughter of the Church.

The question whether our schools are doing their work well needs investigating. While children in Canada can be kept ignorant by those who undertake their instruction, what can be done in a country like Spain, where there is no outside criticism, no public sentiment to control the lovers of darkness as more convenient for their dark purposes? If Canada wishes to protect all her citizens from the curse of ignorance, she will soon require to control more than is now done those who find in that ignorance the most congenial soil for the crop of superstition they fain would raise.

## Notice.

### REV. DONALD FRASER, D.D.

The Rev. Donald Fraser, D.D., whose likeness we present to our readers, was born at Inverness, Scotland, in the year 1826, being the second son of John Fraser, Esq., Provost of Inverness, who afterwards resided at Sherbrooke for several years, and died at London, Ontario, in 1852,—a man of high Christian character and marked ability. He was educated privately till he entered the University of Aberdeen, where he took a full course and graduated M.A. After some years of hesitation and difficulty he was led to enter the Christian ministry, and with this view studied at Knox College, Toronto, and the New College, Edinburgh. So soon as his course was finished he received a unanimous call from the Coté Street Church, in this city, and was ordained in the year 1851. His ministry in Montreal is still remembered by many. When, in 1859, he accepted a call to the Free High Church of his native town, many were the expressions of regret on the part, not of his own flock only, but of our Protestant citizens generally. The post which he occupied at Inverness was one of great influence throughout the North of Scotland. The congregation

grew, the church was enlarged, a mission church for the poor was built, and many tokens of Divine blessing rested on the ministry. It was near the close of his ministry at Inverness that he visited Montreal in the summer of 1869, at the request of old and attached friends. Early in 1870 he became pastor of the Marylebone Presbyterian Church, London, as successor to Dr. Wm. Chalmers. From that time his name has been prominent in the great metropolis, and his church crowded at every service. He has received in his own Church all the honors she can confer. He is Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England. Convener of her General Sustentation Fund and of various important Committees. In the year 1872 the University of Aberdeen conferred on him the degree of Doctor in Divinity.

He has published "Synoptical Lectures on the Books of the Holy Scriptures," and a smaller work entitled "The Church of God and the Apostacy."

He was married at Kingston, Ont., in the year 1853, to Theresa, fourth daughter of the late Major-General Gordon, R.E., and has a family of four sons and one daughter.