

preferring the ancient faith of the Catholic Church to modern inventions. Yet now, today, those very sectarian papers are seen in open alliance with the Papacy, defending the expulsion of the Bible from our schools, defending a Romish bishop controlling our school literature, and defending the taxing of Protestants for the support of Papistical schools, where, by means of Protestant money, the worst superstitions of Popery are daily taught.

To-day the organs of the two chief Protestant sects in Ontario are defending the use of public money being taken from the Provincial Treasury, directly and indirectly, from a Protestant population for the support of schools where the French language alone is allowed to be used, and where the *Roman Catholic Catechism* is daily taught. In these Public Schools, mark, *not Separate Schools*, Readers are used full of Popish drivel and folly. In the First Reader, there is a chapter on the Virgin, which opens in this way:—

"Before the coming of the blessed Virgin, the wrath of God hung over our heads like a sword ready to strike us. Immediately that the Blessed Virgin appeared on the earth, the wrath of God was appeased. She was not aware that she was destined to become the mother of God, and when she was little, she used to say, 'When shall I see that lovely creature who is to be the mother of God?' etc., etc.

It will be seen that this teaching has a direct tendency to exalt the Virgin in the youthful mind to the pinnacle hitherto occupied by our Saviour.

There is also a book used called the "Catechism of Virginity" which is unfit for quotation. In this connection we may state that very lately a young child, whose mother is a Protestant and father a Romanist, went to one of the schools supported by the government of Ontario, and was sent to confession as part of the school discipline. She was asked questions implying a knowledge of obscenity so gross, that the poor girl burst into tears in confusion, and had to ask her mother what the priest meant! Yet Protestants see no wrong done by the application of public money to support so vile an outrage as the Confessional being made part of the discipline of a Public School! Yet the two leading Protestant newspapers of Ontario, the organs of religious bodies, see no harm in the use of public money, because the system of giving Protestant funds to propagate Popery is necessary to keep their political party in office! These Protestants, to whom Protestant principles are a mere secondary consideration, have now discovered that the Church of England is the chief bulwark of the Protestant, or anti-Papal cause, inasmuch as our Church is no sect, but is the *One, Catholic, Apostolic Church, in and of England*. That sectarians see no harm in chopping up the Bible into scraps is natural, they do this in their pulpits, by reading only such bits here and there as seem to bolster up their private creeds. When Wolfe was before Quebec he kept up a series of attacks to de-

lude Montcalm as to the real point of attack. So with the so-called organs of certain Protestant churches, they have kept up an incessant fire upon the Church of England, especially favoring us with their shot, and all this professed zeal for Protestantism has been a mere trick of war to divert public attention, while the Roman Catholic Church seized an important, strategic position which these organs desired it to possess, because the Romanists have for that position undertaken to give political help to the political party these Protestant organs prefer to Protestant principles and Protestant interests.

CANON DUMOULIN ON THE MUTILATION OF THE BIBLE.

THE sermon preached by Canon Dumoulin, referred to in our last issue, drew upon him a shower of mud from the organ of the political party which has entered into an alliance with the Roman Catholic Church. The Canon, with the bravery of his race and country, instead of being silenced by this abuse, returned to the subject, and on the 12th inst. delivered a sermon which created a more profound impression than any ever preached in Toronto. His remarks were based on the following words from II. Thessalonians, iii., 1—"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified, even as it is with you." The rev. gentleman said that last Sunday he had addressed his congregation upon the subject of the Holy Scripture. Whilst the Christian Church had translated the Word of God into the English language, the Roman Catholic Church had been inert. It had done nothing in the matter till 1610, when King James' translation of the Bible was in progress. They had then felt they should do something, and translated, not from the original, but from the Latin, the Douay Bible, which was full of inaccuracies. He meant to say something additional on the subject, and also to maintain his right as a Protestant minister to express his views on the subject without being abused for doing so by any of his fellow-townsmen. When at his ordination the Bible was presented to him, and still later when he was inducted into that Church with a copy of the Bible in his hand, it meant that he was to preach it, to guard it and to maintain it. He was determined that it was his bounden duty to maintain the Bible, uphold it and guard it in the face of all the abuse the world could heap upon him. This was a question on which those Protestants who were put out by questions of ritual and the cut of a vestment, should sink their differences and stand together shoulder to shoulder. It was the duty of parents to teach their children the Holy Scriptures. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." If it was the duty of parents to instruct children in the Word of God, it followed that it was the children's duty to read the Word of God. The place to teach a child was in the Public schools, and therefore the Bible should be taught in the Public

schools. He then referred to the book of Scripture selections which is being substituted for the Bible in the Public schools. This book, he said, was not to be found in the bookstores, and his hearers might consider themselves fortunate if they were able to get a copy of it. This book was submitted to the Roman Catholic Church in the first place for their endorsement and approval, and then secondly to the Protestants. No man had the right to chop, and garble, and cut up the Word of God to suit his own particular views or purposes. The order of the Bible in the book of selections was completely destroyed, so that it was quite impossible for anyone holding a Bible in his hand to follow the teacher as he read to the children. The great stain on the matter was that the Word of God was garbled and dishonoured. Those chapters in the Epistle to the Romans in reference to the fall and the depravity of man and his justification by faith were cut out, and were nowhere to be found in the book of selections. "Here it is," he said, holding up the book, "here is the little volume within these covers, one-sixth the size of an ordinary Bible." Proceeding, he said that those parts in the Epistle to the Hebrews where the subject of sacrifices was referred to, and reflections made upon the erroneous teaching of a corrupt church, were left out. Again, in Corinthians omissions were made, the effect of which was to destroy the Protestant teaching of the Christian Church.

The mutilated Bible published by the minister of Education jumps (lessons 12 and 13, part 5, p. 343) from the First of Thessalonians, 5th chapter, 24th verse, to the Second of Timothy 2nd chapter, 1st verse. It so happens that the portion of the Bible thus passed over contains the following text, First of Timothy, 2nd chapter, 5th verse: "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

This is the very kernel of the Protestant faith as contradistinguished from that of the Church of Rome. In reference to the sin of David, the selection was so manipulated that the reader could make no sense out of it. Certain parts of the Scripture were passed over which had a bearing on the doctrinal teaching of the Christian Church as against the Roman Catholic Church. The fundamental doctrines of their religion were garbled and hewed and hacked so that it was impossible to get at the sense of the Scriptures as set forth in the Bible. He then dealt with the fifty-first chapter of Isaiah, and showed with what care the knife had been used to eliminate certain passages. Referring to the story of Joseph, he stated that it was the beacon light for the young to guard them against the machinations of the evil-disposed. There were those who said that portions of the Bible were not fit to be read to the young, and that it was an unsafe guide to put in their hands, but when the caution light was set up no one should find fault with the man who had set up that light to warn them of danger ahead. In the story of Joseph and the wife of Potiphar, who had tried to seduce that holy man, the compiler of the book of