

In the issue of the *Examiner*, of the 24th ult., we published a statement showing the amount received by each of the Religious Denominations who, in the year 1867, applied for portions of the parliamentary grant in support of elementary schools in Great Britain. The system of elementary education, aided by Government in the Mother Country, is imperatively essentially denominational, and under this system even Presbyterians, since the year 1839, applied for and received several millions of public money in aid of schools in which the doctrines of Presbyterians are taught.

The policy of granting governmental aid to certain efficient denominational schools in this Island was publicly advocated by Mr. James C. Pape, in his address to the Somersetshire constituency. The proposition, started by the Presbyterians throughout the Island. The Synod was assembled and resolutions passed, in which Protestants were warned not to countenance a system of Education, the introduction of which would necessitate the application of public money to schools in which the religion of Catholics would be taught. They were expressly told that to give their assent to a vote of public money for any such purpose would be to commit sin, in as much as the Catholic religion is regarded by the Synod as antagonistic to the Bible and the enemy of civil liberty.

All intelligent Protestants must be aware that the resolutions of the Synod are supremely absurd. The Legislature of this Island, were it to vote money in support of denominational schools, with the intention that a portion of such money should be given to Catholic Schools, would commit a greater sin than has been annually committed by the Imperial Parliament during the past thirty years. For thirty years past the representatives of England and Scotland, who were almost exclusively Protestants, have annually voted money in support of schools, in which they required that religion should be taught, and this money has been as freely given to schools in which were taught the religion of the Church of England or of Scotland. The Protestant ministers of England and Scotland, however, so far as we are aware, have not denounced the authors of the English system of elementary education, on the ground that they were giving to Catholic Schools, or that they were allowing public money to be given to schools in which the children of Catholic parents were being brought up in the religion of their fathers. Nor did Protestant electors remonstrate with their representatives against the enormity of affording aid to schools in which the children of Catholics were being educated in accordance with Catholic notions of Education. We, therefore, conclude that the Protestant communities of the Mother Country, clergy and laity, electors and representatives in Parliament, do not regard denominational education as a sin against God or their neighbor. And surely we may add that the Protestant Ministers of England and Scotland are fully as competent to judge between right and wrong, as the members of the Covehead Presbytery. There are, we are aware, among Protestants many highly intelligent people who conscientiously prefer mixed schools to denominational schools, who desire that the elementary education imparted in public schools should be entirely secular, and who can never be induced to sanction public grants to denominational schools, but they do not base their opposition to denominational schools upon the same grounds as do the Presbytery of Covehead. While there are many Protestants who are opposed to denominational schools, there are many, especially the Church of England, who warmly advocate of the denominational system. The Anglican Bishop of Nova Scotia is, we believe, as ardent an advocate for denominational schools as is Bishop McTear. The question of Education is regarded by the Catholic Church as an important, and every Catholic parent is required, if possible, to afford his child an education based upon religion. The Catholic parents, who are in favor of free education, or cheap education, but religious education, hence their support of denominational schools in all communities in which they can procure them. In St. Dunstons' College, and the Convent and other schools, recently erected by Bishop MacTear, may be seen the fruits of the mission, and these which Catholics attach to religious education. These schools have been erected, and hitherto, to a great extent maintained, by the gifts of pious Catholics. These schools are imparting secular education to hundreds of youths, and the fact that such education is based upon religion is no valid reason for these schools should not be aided by grants from the public Treasury, so long as it remains the policy of the country to defray from the public chest the cost of public education.

**THE GREAT "UNMASKED."**  
The Western "boy" is very worthy of us because we have "unmasked" him. He can't bear fogging, because he has had the fogging; he can't bear being called a number of ugly names, and says that it is a shame and an disgrace to expose his deformities. He makes an allusion to Balm of Gilead and Saltpetre, which, at first, appeared to us mysterious. Speaking to a friend on the subject, he explained it thus: "You know that the 'boy' has a way too long, and that he has a number of those who were afraid of their skin being injured went behind large halm of Gilead trees to protect them from the fire of the enemy. This was especially true of those who had no religion, and who did not care to be sent unceremoniously before the 'Oae.' Saltpetre being the principle component part of powder, of course he has an axe to grind; but 'balm' being taken by him for anything that can afford protection, the idea of his 'sodgering' days naturally recurs to him, and he goes in for protecting vulnerable points at any cost."

**"ALPHA'S" LETTER.**  
In our last No. we published a letter signed "Alpha," which has afforded the Editor material for a "leader" in the *Patriot* of the 4th inst. We do not always adopt the opinions of all our correspondents, some of whom are Catholics, others Protestants. "Alpha" is a Protestant gentleman who, no doubt, sympathizes with Catholics in the unjust manner in which they are treated by the Government in the matter of Education; but we believe that he is neither a "political scholar" nor an unprincipled politician. In the *Patriot* of the 4th inst. we do not always adopt the opinions of all our correspondents, some of whom are Catholics, others Protestants. "Alpha" is a Protestant gentleman who, no doubt, sympathizes with Catholics in the unjust manner in which they are treated by the Government in the matter of Education; but we believe that he is neither a "political scholar" nor an unprincipled politician.

**Charlotte Town Debating Club.**  
The adjourned debate on the question, "What are the best means of counteracting the disadvantages incident to our isolated position as a Colony," was resumed on Friday evening last, under the following Resolutions: Resolved, that the subject of a Railroad, connecting Sumner side with Georgetown, is of sufficient importance to make it expedient for the Local Legislature to procure a report from a competent Engineer, as to the best route, and probable cost of such an enterprise. Resolved, that the difficulties in the way of maintaining regular water communication with the Province during the winter months, are not insuperable, and that by means of a well equipped Steamer, the mails and passengers might, during this period, be carried from Georgetown to Port Maitland, or Port Howard, at a cost of \$100,000, and that the advantages which would result therefrom. After an animated discussion, the first Resolution was carried by a majority of four, and the second was unanimously adopted.

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