NO CORRESPONDENTS.

Contributors and correspondents are urgently requested to write legibly. Budgetting Paragraphs for the Daily Mail, the writer is constantly in receipt of letters from subscribers, who want to see paragraphs published, correspondents sedulously write on one side of the sheet of paper, and write each article in future separately.

The Daily News.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 2.

MR CROOKS'S REGULATIONS.

We had occasion a day or two ago to point out the evil consequences that were likely to follow the Minister of Education's proposed plan of distributing the legislative grant of $82,000 among the High Schools. It has been said that "criticism, to be useful, should be constructive," and in accordance with this maxim we desire to offer some suggestions as to the best method of distributing this large sum among the schools. Mr Crooks has never been particularly grateful for well meant advice, and indeed takes but little experience with him sufficiently to discover that few people are thankful for such favours. However, virtue is its own reward, and we shall be content with having fulfilled a public duty even if it turns out to be apparently fruitless. In the first place, it must not be forgotten that this $82,000 belongs to the people of Ontario. It was paid into the provincial treasury by the people it was derived from their taxes, and the Crown lands and timber limits of the Province. Any distribution of it, therefore, should be made in such a way that every school should, if possible, get its just share. Let Mr Crooks ask half a dozen farmers in any part of the Province some common sense and just principle upon which to apportion them so that every man of them would at once say in proportion to population. This, we contend, would be a perfectly fair principle upon which to divide the grant. But, says Mr Crooks, "that plan would not stimulate local authorities to improve the condition of their schools." Perhaps not. We have very little faith in the much vaunted educational progress brought about by legislation, for less a share we inherited with the latter. Mr Crooks knows very little about the traditions and customs of the school of politicians to which he professes to belong, or he would know that so much state interference with the growth of any social institution is held to be hurtful. Even if it were shown that some stimulus were necessary, properly developed, the High Schools contend that one could easily be supplied that would not be open to the suspicion of an attempt on the part of the Minister to bribe the constituencies, while it entailed the additional curse of robbing the centres of population to enrich the county districts. What Mr Crooks really desires is to catch votes. If he wished to induce High School trustees to expend larger sums upon their schools, he could easily accomplish his object by dividing the grant in proportion to the amount raised for their schools from local sources. This would be, with the change of one name, but another application of the blessed principle, "Heaven helps those that help themselves." Let any candid man contrast either of these modes of distributing the grant with the one proposed by Mr Crooks and it will be at once seen how glaringly mechanical, arbitrary, and unjust the Minister's plan really is. Here it is:

The distribution of the High School grant, to take effect on the first of January next, no longer recognizes any payments upon the results of the intermediate or upon average attendance, and instead, each school having a staff of teachers will receive a fixed grant of $500, and in addition thereto one-half of the amount of the fees (legal tuition fees) payable by the pupils attending such school, and the additional fees (if any) which such teachers may receive, in addition to the above, the further grant of the Legislature, the aggregate amount of the teachers salaries and in excess of $500, but limited to the sum of $700.

Mr Crooks might just as well have ordered the money to be divided in proportion to the number of teachers in the school and masters. This may be quite an arbitrary and machine like kind of plan, and would possess the additional advantage of being likely to stimulate the production of red headed men and cross eyed pedagogues. The plan which he is about to discard served admirably, while it lasted, to stimulate examination frauds on the part of teachers and literary thefts on the part of pupils. The stealing of the examination papers at Barrie, not a month ago, was owing to a huge joke by all the young-sters—even those who did not take part in it. Many of the child folks sympathised with "the boys," a feeling that was quite apparent at the investigation into a similar offence at Toronto last year. Mr Crooks' Handy Andy like capacity for doing mischief is becoming alarming, even to himself, and so, from teaching youngsters to cram, skin, and steal through an examination, he intends contaminate their fathers, by offering those of them who support the outlying schools a larger to vermont grant than they are fairly entitled. What his next move will be no one knows, not even himself.

A AND B SUTHERLIN.

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A Serious Collision

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Serious Exhaustion

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THE EGYPTIAN DIFFICULTY.

A Panic Imminent The Guns Open Fire Embarkation of Troops.

London, Aug. 1.—In the House of Commons to-day, Sir Charles Dilke stated that the Khedive, the Russian delegate, and have agreed to repeal the conference of the powers all the great powers, so called, agreed in asking the Porte to proclaim Arabi a rebel.

The second bombardment of the Egyptian forts by Admiral Seymour, commenced at 7 o'clock yesterday. Alexandria is in a state of panic. The Europeans are leaving the place in great numbers. The Egyptian troops are leaving Alexandria. Arabi Pasha is at Kafr Dawar, with 15,000 men and 60 guns. Arabi Pasha is said to be fortifying Kafr Dawar, and has ordered the inhabitants of Alexandria to leave the place. Arabi Pasha is said to be fortifying Kafr Dawar, and has ordered the inhabitants of Alexandria to leave the place. The second bombardment of the Egyptian forts by Admiral Seymour, commenced at 7 o'clock yesterday. Alexandria is in a state of panic. The Europeans are leaving the place in great numbers. The Egyptian troops are leaving Alexandria. Arabi Pasha is at Kafr Dawar, with 15,000 men and 60 guns. Arabi Pasha is said to be fortifying Kafr Dawar, and has ordered the inhabitants of Alexandria to leave the place.

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A ROMANCE

In the County of Lanark, not far from Perth, is the village of Innisville. Eighteen years ago a man named David Ross, of that village, married a young and amiable lady belonging to the same place. The marriage was happy until one day David determined to seek his fortune in Australia. He went, but left his wife behind. Eighteen long years passed, and no tidings came from the absent husband. Not a word was received, not a letter came, no one was heard of from one until last week when the news came that David Ross was followed up by an attachment. A young man, an acquaintance of his, has come home, and he has brought him home. Through all the long period of eighteen years, says the story, the mile remained true and faithful to her absent husband, even if at times and nigh well nor could that have passed—ever to the silent grave.

PERSONAL

Mr P. Bickey is expected [illegible]

Hon. Mr Chapleau, arrived in the city yesterday.

Alex. M Thomson, of Green Bound, is in the city, arrived at the Rideau.

Dr Lord, American Consul, left for Hampton, Mass., on a short holiday.

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MARRIAGE AT NANAIMOS

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THE RACING CANAWI

According to the Ottawa Citizen, the citizens of the neighborhood are now asking if the Canadian and Kingston and Ottawa are having the first of a series of the racing season.

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Dr Smiths Great German Worm Remedy

In Nature's great system nature and treasure and to effects are so [illegible] that we always, when we have a [illegible] in [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]