

of parents, when, in public and private institutions, they inflict their religious opinions and practices upon the children, irrespective of the wishes of their parents. The just solution of the grievance would be to allow Catholics to devote the money, which they are taxed in favor of the public schools, to their own schools, the children of which to be examined by a state or municipal board. The pleader is sanguine that fair-minded Americans will finally undertake some such solution.

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### Among the Magazines.

"Did the Church Ever Sell Indulgences?" is the title of a long article in the *Ave Maria* of April 27th. The subject is most exhaustively treated. The writer evidently is not afraid to go into the merits of the question. For every assertion he makes, he quotes his authority, whether Protestant or Catholic, in complete footnotes. The Catholic doctrine anent Indulgences is carefully outlined, the non-Catholic exaggerations are then recounted, the parts played in the controversy by Leo X, by Tetzel, and by Luther, are described in the light of documents, or in the words of their respective historians. It is a very handy article to have within reach to consult in moments of need.

Another attraction of the *Ave Maria* is the "Confessions of a Convert," by the Rev. Robert Hugh Benson. Father Benson was the son of a former Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury. Though still a young man, he has accomplished much literary work. His books, "The King's Achievement," "By What Authority," "The Queen's Tragedy," fascinating stories of the reigns of Henry VIII, Elizabeth, and Mary Tudor, help to place in their true light the many obscure events involved in the breaking away of England from the Catholic communion. The unpretentious story of his own return to the faith of his fathers is here given to the public for the first time.

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### JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

On Thursday, May 9th, the ball-tossers from the small yard tried conclusions with the Hull Juniors, who proved superior in avoirdupois, and also in ability to score. The visitors lined out triple plays and three-baggers; yet the men in the little team got