

intellect and reason. The Israelites were being educated for the Gospel. The Gospel requires submission and discipline of motive, as well as of act. The liberty of the Gospel implies a higher law, for though freedom, it is the service of God. The Jews would have learned to follow the Gospel, if they had hearkened to the law. The system under which you are placed, though you may not adequately esteem it, is constructed to produce in you habits of honour, purity, modesty, manly independence and energy. The Church to which you have the honour of belonging, though its privileges are far beyond your present appreciation, will foster in you that combination of dependence on God with fixed and stable independence of principle, which is the best security for a religious and moral life.

All of us are being educated for Heaven, and our education only ceases with our lives. The school and the Church join in preparing you for this world and the next. Be loyal, therefore, in your hearts and actions to both. No one can go to Heaven who has not learnt to obey. In Heaven there will be no counter will to God's will, no opposition to God's law. Man will have been satisfied with the will of God. Such harmony, such conformity, can only be the effect of God's grace working in hearts that strive to be earnest and obedient. Nevertheless, I have spoken of no mere ideal condition. We professedly aim at it, and try to realize it by anticipation, when we say, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."