

what they everywhere accomplish without other aid than their own private contributions.

Protestants are slow to recognize the injustice done to Catholics, in forcing them to pay taxes for the support of public schools attended only by Protestants. Even in crying out against this wrong, Catholics are reproached with the intention of appropriating public funds and of using them for a distinctly Catholic propaganda, to pay for Catholic religious teaching.

Protestants do not consider that the public money has in part come out of the pockets of Catholics, which money is used for the spread of Protestant Faith by reading the Protestant Bible in the public schools and paying the salaries of Protestant teachers. What Catholics desire is simple justice, the recognition of their schools by the state and the exemption from paying taxes for the maintenance of any religious teaching besides there own.

There are more than ten million Catholics in the United States. They constitute an important minority, being about one eighth of the entire population. Whether the non-Catholic majority will allow justice and generosity to prevail over denominational prejudice, by admitting to the full the principal of denominational schools, or whether, under pretext that schools divided in opinions destroy the unity of national sentiment, they will attempt to impose their own ideals (?) as the *only* ideals to be tolerated—these are problems in practical politics which to day occupy the minds of Catholic educators in the American Republic.

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"MOON OF STRAWBERRIES"

Tell you what I like the best
Long about knee deep in June,
'Bout the time strawberries melts
On the vine—some afternoon
Like to jes' get out an, rest,
And not work at nothin' else.
—Riley.