

with such criminals, as bank forgers and swindlers, plundering bankrupts, leaving thousands deceived by them often in distress and want; polygamists and divorce procurers, leaving thousands of wives and daughters in poverty, and having no alternative often but to lead profligate lives, to earn a miserable livelihood; murderers, from stabbing and shooting, often from most trifling causes. All these perpetrations, crimes, abominations, and injustices, and then so universal, that a moral and honest man is tired of his life and his locality, and knows no where to retire to live with any peace and comfort. And all this corruption and immorality, disgusting as it is unjust and villanous, arise from the Public Schools sanction the evil. Can parents then send their children to such schools? Can they do so without their children being in danger of losing their most cherished privileges of being the children of God, heirs of heaven, their heavenly companion, the blessed Spirit, and their eternal happiness? Can they do so without danger to the faith and morality of those children? They cannot. For if morals are tainted our faith is weakened. Faith may ultimately be lost, and then follows tirades, arguments, and ridicule against the true religion, for no one speaks more harshly against its rites, sacraments, and sacrifice than apostates. They then become guilty most frequently of blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, a sin which is not forgiven either in this world or the next. 'Every sin and blasphemy of the spirit shall not be forgiven, and whoever shall speak a word against the Son of Man it shall be forgiven him, but he that shall speak a word against the Holy Ghost, *it shall not be forgiven him neither in this world nor in the world to come.*'— St. Matth. 12, 31-2. Can parents allow their children to be placed in those schools to be put in a state or condition to commit this dreadful and most terrible of all sins, and suffer themselves, afterwards, to be responsible to God for this commission by their children?

“Certainly they cannot and ought not. Let them then take care to have their own separate schools, aided by the Government if they can, but in all circumstances under their own control in