

only? This is the explicit declaration of the advocates of the present measure of spoliation; and it will be the positive and understood avowal of our country, if the unhallowed measure should obtain the sanction of the Provincial Parliament. Our country would then stand before the world with the infidel declaration in her mouth, that it is of more consequence to afford her people knowledge and learning that is merely human, than to provide the means of their understanding and appreciating the mighty truths through which their souls may be saved. And the declaration of this ungodly principle will go forth sanctioned not only by making no provision for the Church of God and the truths she inculcates, but by actually robbing her of the provision that she had.

These, doubtless, notwithstanding the intrigues and misrepresentations of our political agitators, will be welcome tidings to the poor settlers of the backwoods! When they renew their cry, in the spirit of anxious Christians, "Come over and help us," when they reiterate their earnest petitions for a resident clergyman, and the ministrations of the Church, it will be harmonizing well with their right and honest feelings to tell them—"No, you must wait a weary time for that; you must have patience, until your circumstances so far improve that you can support him wholly and entirely yourselves. In the meantime we grant you a better boon. The amount that was intended for your clergyman, we have withdrawn from that object and appropriated to a higher one. It will relieve you of just so much in paying the salaries of your schoolmasters!" It will make no difference that some right-minded and honest Christian replies,— "Yes, and when the time arrives that we can afford to support a clergyman ourselves half our population will have become infidels; and the other half, perhaps, from long disuse of the ordinances of reli-