

fall back into the old, old error of the sixteenth century, when the rulers of the land thought that it was essential to the unity of a nation that it should have only one religion. The march of civilization has dispelled that illusion as it is sure to disperse the clouds that now hang over the advocates of godless schools. For godless schools they must be so long as religion is excluded from their regular courses. And so long as the present state of affairs exists, so long as one school or one teacher is obliged to instruct children of different creeds, so long as those creeds themselves exist, there must be different schools for different classes, otherwise godless schools. And who for one instant will say that the latter are the preferable? In order to have the youth of this fair country brought up and given a good Christian education, whereby they may make Canada one of the proudest countries of the Empire, we say that separate schools should be established. Some say that such schools will create a feeling of distrust and a tendency towards disunion among people so brought up. But we ask why have not these religions themselves done likewise? Let such persons glance back at the history of our country, at the history of the Empire, and ask themselves where is there a more united country to-day, and where is there more religious freedom than in the lands protected by the folds of the united crosses of St. Andrew and St. George? If the sun should ever rise to see our Empire shaken by disloyalty, and dismembered by rebellion, it will be, in a great measure, due to the unbearing domineering of a bigoted majority. Let us hope that such will never happen, and that, to the end of time, the flag that has never yet been humbled will continue to bring genuine liberty to all mankind.

So many strong arguments have of late years been adduced in favor of separate schools that it is needless for us to say more, but we feel that we would not be justified did we let the expression of such sentiments as those of the *Argosy* go without at least a passing remark. With all due deference to the superior abilities of the hon. gentleman, we think, that, unless our friends of the *Argosy* wish to meddle in politics—