

In the face of these solemn utterances of the infallible head of the Church, and of our own Canadian hierarchy, whose words we have already quoted, no Catholic can conscientiously patronize the common or "mixed" schools so long as he has Catholic schools in which to educate his children. We are bound to obey the Church in this vital matter. "He that will not hear the Church," says Christ, "let him be unto thee a heathen and a publican."—(Matt. xii. 18.) "He who heareth you heareth Me: he who despiseth you despiseth Me."—(Luke x. 16). "Obey your superiors, and be subject to them," says St. Paul, "For ye watch as being to render an account of your souls."—(Heb. xiii. 17). Listen then to the voice of this Divine Guide, and follow her directions. "Whosoever shall do so, I will send down upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God."—(Gal. vi. 16).

You have hitherto done wonders—you and our faithful clergy, to establish separate schools, and to encourage and support them. Let us exhort you to persevere in this great and good work; by doing so you will bring blessings innumerable upon yourselves and the children committed to your care. The separate school law is sadly defective in many respects, and throws serious obstacles in the way of the success of our separate schools; but, we must bear in mind the old adage that "a half is better than no bread," and should try to supply our zeal and spirit of sacrifice and unanimity the defects of the law. Labour, earnestness and devotion, will overcome all obstacles, and the seeds which we sow in the matter of Catholic education, amid so much toil and pressing difficulties, will be sure to produce a rich harvest of blessings here, and of unending joys hereafter. "They who sow in tears shall reap in joy."—(Ps. cxxv.). It will be the duty of our beloved clergy, who have already made so many sacrifices in the sacred cause of Catholic education, to see that the separate schools are as