

of Jesus. It holds up to the Catholic world the heroic labours of the second great Apostle of the German-speaking nations, not merely for their admiration, but more expressly for their imitation. It deals with the all-absorbing question of religious teaching for the young, and insists upon its necessity for all classes of pupils, from those who first enter our primary schools to the graduates of our Catholic colleges and universities. Though, addressed to the German races, it embodies the general teaching of the Church, and shows us the true ideal towards which practically all our efforts and aspirations should tend. We translate for the benefit of our Associates the passages explanatory of the principles which should guide us in a question so vital to Catholics, and those which lend weight to the General Intention of the present month.

Leo XIII, after dwelling on the immense services rendered to the Church in Germany by Bl. Canisius, continues as follows : We earnestly exhort you, Venerable Brethren, to be ever vigilant to maintain your schools, in the fulness of faith, and even should needs be, to bring them back to the faith, whether, established by past generations or more recently founded. And let this apply not to children's schools only, but to those of intermediate grades and to academies, as they are termed. As for the remainder of the faithful under your care, they should firmly insist on having the rights of parents and of the Church restored, and should as firmly uphold them in all that concerns education of youth. In this matter they will especially bear in mind :

“ That, in the first place, Catholics are not to adopt — above all in the case of children — the system of mixed schools, but must have everywhere schools of their own ; and they must select the best teachers, such as have already given proofs of their trustworthiness. Any system of instruction in which religion is mutilated or ignored is fraught with peril, and we have frequently remarked that one or the other of these evils obtains in what are known as mixed schools.