

and that next to the Papal States come France, as the next most enlightened country in the world, and England stood in the background, far behind all other nations of the earth. And yet you say the Catholic religion is opposed to education. Why, my dearly beloved separated brethren, are you then ignorant that in the Catholic religion there are over a hundred religious orders who devote themselves, by a solemn vow to God, to spend their whole lives, all their energies and all their talents for the education of their fellowmen. Such, for instance, is the Order of the Jesuits. Every professed Jesuit makes a solemn vow to God that he shall spend his whole life, all his talents, all his energies of body and soul and mind for the education of all; and that he shall receive nothing whatsoever for educating his fellow-man, except his board and clothes—nothing beyond that—no pocket money, no gold chains, no gold watches, no gold mounted canes, no fine carpet in his room, but the hard mattress and the bare floor, mean furniture, the table of the ordinary man in society, possessed of nothing of his own whatsoever. So do the Brothers of the Christian doctrine; so do the Sisters of Notre Dame, the Ladies of Sacred Heart, the School Sisters, and a number of others too long to enumerate. All of these, by a solemn vow to God, bind themselves to spend their lives in the education of their fellow-creatures. Do we find any like that among Protestants? Where are the men and where are the ladies among them who will spend their lives in teaching, all for no other remuneration than board and clothes? ask them for such services, on such conditions, and they would ask you whether you thought they were fools. Get me the Protestant gentleman and lady willing to sacrifice their lives, and, besides that, never possess anything of their own, and never get married, for the sake of humanity and education. Nowhere out of the Catholic Church can you find such sacrifices for the education of the poor. The Catholic Church opposed to education! My dear friends, travel over this whole Dominion, and everywhere you will find colleges, Universities, Academies, select schools, parochial schools, schools for the rich and the poor; everywhere you find them established. Is that an evidence that Catholics want to keep people in ignorance? What a strange contradiction in my Protestant friends. Examine all the Colleges, the Universities, Academies and Boarding Schools of this Dominion and the United States, and you will find that one-third of the boarders in the Catholic Colleges, Universities and Academies are Protestant! My dear Protestant friends, why do you send your children to Catholic schools? "Well, sir,