

cated the infliction of the penalty of expulsion upon unoffending children; "The *expelling* of pupils was a severe proceeding," said they. We affirm that it is something more than severe. "It is absolutely illegal, under the Public School Act which (chapter 49th, section 40, No. 8) defines the fullest extent of the power of trustees in this respect, namely: "To dismiss from the School any pupil who shall be adjudged so refractory by the trustees, or by a majority of them, and the teacher, that his presence in school is deemed injurious to the other pupils." Furthermore it is a misdemeanor at Common Law, as the self-conceited mover of the resolution will be unhesitatingly told, should he consult any of the better educated gentlemen of the legal profession in the city of Kingston. To be rude and offensive to a gentle and modest young priest in the discharge of a grave duty of his ministry, may not necessarily involve legal penalties against the offender; but to propose and insist upon and ultimately carry a resolution ordering the "expulsion" of poor children, whom neither the teacher nor the trustees had charged with being "so refractory that their presence in school is deemed injurious to other pupils," this is a crime punishable by common law, and it is in the power of the parent or guardian of each one of the pupils marked out for "expulsion" by last night's resolution of the Public school board to institute an action against the mover and seconder and supporters of the criminal decree and obtain damages from them under judgment of the Courts.

Thank God, the decemvirate, or the majority of them, have at last drawn the line beyond which no Catholic parent, even the most venal or most indifferent, can ever pass again. The adoption of a rule of Catholic exclusion from the common schools of the city, were it couched in terms wholly inoffensive, would suffice to prevent the most mean-spirited of them from soliciting re-admission for his child. But, now the unexampled ferocity of the order for "expulsion;" the phrensied spirit of hate and revenge that spoke from within the proposer of the resolution and reverberated through the Board room, "Yes, *expelled!* was the proper word;" shall serve for a perpetual warning to them and every one of them, and those who shall come after them, to give ear to the precepts and admonitions of the Church of God, and abhor the very thought of risking the faith and salvation of their offspring by withdrawing them from the holy influence of religion and placing them under the care of men notorious for their hostility to the Catholic name.

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