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of increase in divorce and crime, and the widespread discontent, are due to the want of self-control and cheerful contentment, resulting from the lack of proper religious teaching in the public schools."

"If our Church in Canada is not alive to the truths thus emphasized, it is because she is culpably blind to the signs confronting her on every hand. To a less extent, perhaps, than in the United States, yet plainly enough, assuredly, the evils of mere secular education are apparent in Canada to all who have eyes to see. The influence of the sect-spirit, whose watchword is the ugly one, "undenominationalism," is increasing rather than diminishing. And along with this is growing, not unnaturally, a light regard for religion altogether. It does not seem to occur to the majority of Christian people that undenominationalism, in school or elsewhere, implies the absence of all that is supposed to justify the separate existence of the various Christian bodies. It has been well said, "a non-denominational college is a non-religious college." The same is true of a school system. We need hardly wonder that division and irreligion abound

At least we in Canada should be able to learn the lesson afforded by Roman Catholic tactics and progress. In every important parish the Roman Church erects, at the earliest possible moment, her schools and convents. She will

have nothing to do with education that is merely secular. She is thoroughly alive to the importance, not merely of giving her children a thorough training in the principles of her faith, but of so mingling religious with secular teaching that the flavor of the one pervades the other. And who can doubt the wisdom of this method, when it is viewed in the light of its results? Notwithstanding the large admixture of error included in it, Romanists hold their faith with a tenacity which might well put to shame the average non-Romanist Christian, and this chiefly, no doubt, because, by their educational system, they have been indoctrinated with it from their youth up.

Surely it is the wisdom as it is the duty of our Church to support and promote her own schools. It may not be reasonable to believe that the day is near when there will be a Church school in every parish. It might be difficult to maintain the efficiency of such schools did we possess them. There is no disguising the fact that the school problem in this country is not a simple one. It is probably one which will be solved only as our prayers and efforts for the reunion of Christendom are answered. But, at least, where Church schools exist under sufficient guarantees, it is saying very little to declare our conviction that such schools have a righteous claim upon our support!

We should not be content till our schools are