

Concurrence in Controversy.

In conclusion, Reverend dear Sir, I beg leave to express once more, my entire concurrence in the views and sentiments advocated by you, in this controversy, relative to your strictures on the present Common School system, and in your untiring efforts in struggling to procure the complete freedom of education to our Catholic community. Most cordially do I concur with you on this momentous subject, which Catholics have so much at heart; and, rest assured, that they never will give up the contest until justice is granted them.

I take great pleasure in thus acknowledging your efficient services in behalf of our poor children, and I think I can venture to say, that, not only have you the sympathies of the whole Catholic body of the Province (y)—with all the Bishops at its head—enlisted in your favor, but also those of a large and most respectable number of our separated brethren.

Begging your pardon for intruding so much on your valuable time, I remain,

With very great regard,

Your's affectionately in Christ,

+ ADOLPHE,

Bishop of London.

To the Rev. M. Bruyere,
St. Michael's Palace, Toronto.

Dr. Ryerson's Answer to Bishop Pinsoneault.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LEADER.

SIR,—I have not until this evening had a moment to make a few remarks, which seem to be required from me, upon a letter published in the *Leader* of the 20th instant, addressed by the Right Reverend Adolphe Pinsoneault, Roman Catholic Bishop of London, to the Rev. J. M. Bruyere, endorsing the latter as the true and able expounder of the views of the Roman Catholic hierarchy respecting our school system, adopting the attacks of the latter upon myself, and adding two or three more on his own account.

What Mr. Bruyere asserted.

Mr. Bruyere, under pretext of objecting to the application by municipalities of their shares of the clergy reserve fund to procuring school apparatus and libraries, as suggested by me, attacked me in the most offensive terms, and charged me with having been guilty of the grossest partiality in the discharge of my duties, of having excluded all Roman Catholic civil and ecclesiastical histories from the catalogue of library books, while I inserted those of an opposite character; of having originated legal restrictions by which neither school apparatus or books could be procured for the Roman Catholic children of separate schools. The language of Mr. Bruyere was so abusive, his statements so extravagant, that I did not intend to notice them at all, until repeatedly pressed to do so, and privately assured that these statements and attacks were the manifesto of a party, and not the mere effusions of an individual. To his voluminous abuse I made no reply; but I showed there were no such legal restrictions as had been alleged—that separate schools had been supplied by me from the

(y) That is, the select "few" as opposed to that vast majority of Canadian Catholics, who are styled "half heathens," by the "foreign element."