

Encyclical *Immortale Dei* : “ All that is sacred in human affairs, under any title whatever, all that regards the end in view, all such falls under the jurisdiction and authority of the Church.”

We deem it of importance, dearly beloved brethren, to remind you briefly of these inherent principles in the constitution of the church itself, these essential rights of religious authority, in order to justify the attitude taken by the members of the Catholic Hierarchy in the present school question, and to explain more fully the obligations under which the faithful are of following Episcopal directions.

If there are, in fact, circumstances in which Catholics ought to manifest openly towards the church all the respect and devotedness to which she is entitled, it is surely in a crisis such as the present, when the highest interests of faith and justice are at stake, demanding on the part of all good men, a united and firm front under the direction of their leaders.

We had hopes, dearly beloved brethren, that the last session of the Federal Parliament would bring to a termination the school difficulties which so widely divide men's minds ; we have been deceived in these hopes. History itself will judge of the causes which impeded the long-expected solution.

As for us who have in view only the triumph of the eternal principles of religion and justice confided to our care, we, whom no defeat will ever be able to dishearten or turn aside from the accomplishment of the divine mission which was that of the apostles themselves, we feel, in the presence of the electoral struggle about to take place, that