

lesson ;" and how the issue of a final effort after redress by appeal to the Department Council has been a judgment unanimously confirming, "*for the sake of public morals,*" the opposition made by the prefect to the opening of the schools. This is but one instance of the many which might be cited to prove what in reality is the liberty of education in France.

In Austria the whole education of the country is, by virtue of the concordat between the Pope and Francis Joseph, handed over to the bishops and priests. The three millions of Protestants in Hungary and Transylvania are despoiled of rights secured to them two centuries and a half ago. Their schools are closed.—Year after year they fruitlessly petition the Emperor to permit, in fulfilment of his oft-repeated promises, their assembling in synods to conserve the interests of their three thousand churches, and to grant them the superintendence of their own establishments for public education.*

In one word I may assert that the only Roman Catholic countries where there is liberty, and liberality, of education, are those in which the laity have risen up in opposition to the clerical order and in defiance of allocutions from the Pope, and even the thunders of excommunication itself, achieved for themselves this noble boon. Belgium and Sardinia (Catholic countries) have wrought out in their own

* A new decree on the Reorganization of Public Instruction (in Austria) provides that even every private school must be of a denominational character, and that children of Catholic parents cannot be admitted to any non Catholic schools; while, on the other hand, the Catholic schools are permitted to admit a limited number of children of other denominations.—(*Methodist Quarterly Review*, April, 1859.) What would the Roman Catholics of Nova Scotia say, were we by legal enactment to encourage the attendance of their children upon our denominational schools, while at the same time prohibiting all Protestant children from entering any Roman Catholic seminary? If they are proscribed when Protestants seek to restrict them to the enjoyment of equal rights with themselves, what word would describe their condition if Protestant governments acted on the same principle as Popish? We shall never thus retaliate.