

tion would be thereby increased, how indignant would be the opposition of all the sincere democrats in the House! In fact, if democracy be not altogether a *lie*!—if the boasted liberalism of our present Canadian Government be not altogether a *selfish, hypocritical sham*! its principle is that it abhors *class legislation*, or the oppression, either in their conscience or their estate, of any portion of the citizens, at the pleasure, or for the benefit of their oppressors.

Upon the principles of democracy, then, I take my stand, and demand SEPARATE SCHOOLS for the members of the Church of England. The ultra-democrats and infidels have demanded schools, *from the routine instruction of which religion shall be excluded*. With *this* demand the government has *cheerfully complied*. And, considering them as democrats, who govern, *not* as the servants of the only wise God for His people's good—but as the slaves of the people, receiving their thousands simply to carry out the people's will—we say, considered as democratic rulers, we blame them not—they could do no other. Their only law is and must be the *will of the people*. But then, let their obedience be even-handed. We, the Church of England, as a portion of the people, and neither a small nor an un influential portion, also demand our separate schools. No matter whether our request be wise or unwise—whether the education we wish to give be the most degrading superstition or the purest wisdom. With this we contend, that on their own principles, our rulers have nothing to do. Democracy asks not, what is wise—but what is the will of the people?

We do earnestly contend that all that American or Canadian governments, as at present constituted, have a right to ask, if they have any political consistency whatever, in matters which concern the consciences of the people is, “do they in their requests seek to interfere with the rights or privileges of any other portion of the community?”

To this, as Churchmen, we fearlessly answer—No! and challenge successful contradiction. We leave to the infidel