

not infrequently carried away with futile considerations of mere skirmishes that are hardly incidental to the real strife of the future. To fight life's battle well is to do good, and to avoid evil. Now to do good and to avoid evil is to accomplish God's will. God's divine law is the expression of His adorable will; the infallible interpreter of that law is our Mother the Church. If we obey her command, we perform all the good, God desires of us, and we thereby shun evil. Without this obedience, all is naught for the real and ultimate perfection of the human soul.

True obedience to the law is impossible without a full knowledge of said law. Now this true, sure, and entire knowledge, Holy Church alone can give us. Her children, consequently, and hers alone, are properly endowed, are fully gifted with the qualifications to educate—the word *educere* being taken in its strictest meaning.

If then, by denominational colleges, the author of "The Choice of a College," understands institutions that teach or profess some divine truths, while they deny others, I am entirely in accord with him when he says, that they are now unnecessary. In fact they always were. If he designate as denominational Colleges, seats of learning, whose teaching and discipline is such as produce and as ever has produced, the truly scholarly, manly Christian gentleman, then again am I of his opinion, or rather of his conviction; but what will he say, if I call upon the history of the past thousand years to bear me out, when I declare that the Catholic Church has ever been the fruitful mother of the greatest and best educators, as well as the patron and protector of the most renowned universities of Europe. Surely when he speaks of undenominational schools he does not intend to advocate, indifferentism.

In a word, education is the perfection of man. By it man is perfected in his intellect and will. The end and object of the one is truth, of the other, good.

The Church of God and She alone is the custodian and interpreter of all that bears upon the highest truth, and upon the supremest good—God himself. Hence it is that she alone truly educates. Hence it is that, outside her fold, education, in its full sense, is an impossibility.

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