

holiness goes on. The sceptre is ultimately forced from the hand of stern winter, and so grace leads on to the expulsion of sin from the soul.

The resuscitation of life, in the renewal of the face of the earth, speaks to the believer of the glorious resurrection morn. To the eye of sense, apart from experience how unlikely the change produced in spring. Nature awakes to sing anew the song of its youth. Life reappears after an apparent death. "Marvel not at this : for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the grave shall hear His voice, and shall come forth ; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life ; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." The body sown in dishonour shall be raised in glory, and then death shall be swallowed up in victory.

"The seed, the insentient seed,
Buried beneath the earth, and rotted in the soil,
Starts from its dusty bed,
Responsive to the voice of Spring,
And covers mead and mountain,
Field and forest, with its life.
Myriads of creatures, too, that lay
As dead as dust on every inch of ground,
Touched by the vernal ray,
Spring from their little graves, and sport
On beauteous wing in fields of sunned air,
Shall this be so ? Shall plants and worms
Come forth to live again ? And O shall Man
Descend into his grave to rise no more ?
Shall he, the master of this world,
Image and offspring of the FONTAL LIFE,
Through endless ages sleep in dust ?"

SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

Recent developments in Parliament and elsewhere of the demands and expectations of Roman Catholics are well fitted to awaken the earnest thought and devoted action of the friends of religious freedom and of our Common School System in Canada West. We utterly disclaim a spirit of religious animosity to any of our fellow citizens; that, however, does not demand of us a cowardly and tame submission to the perpetration of wrongs, and an indifference to the progress of events which, if unrepelled, will issue in the destruction of interests of the most precious character. Our Common School System, from which good fruit is justly expected, ought to be allowed to grow undisturbed without the introduction of what would seriously mar its results, if not destroy it altogether. That system knows no distinction of sect or religious party, but admits all to the privileges of a secular education. We are not aware that just and established complaints are entertained against the working of the system as partial to one denomination and oppressive to another. Should cases of that character occur means of redress are open and provided for. The Separate School Bill introduced by Mr. Scott, of Ottawa, is therefore in our view unfair in its general principle, and in many of its sections seeks to provide privileges for Roman Catholics which are withheld from others. With deep regret we learn the position of many of our public