

has had experience of the world, and it is to be sincerely hoped that the honorable gentlemen composing the school-boards shall strain a point to test the objective spirit of their respective localities by paying all ably devoted teachers a salary in accordance with the dignity of their profession :

Gentlemen, it was not my purpose to assign a cause for inferiority of treatment ; it may be due to indifference, to a misunderstanding, to a lack of appreciating services, to the greater increase of the catholic population without corresponding increase of wealth, this latter reason is hardly plausible : it is the old bugaboo : and it may be due to other causes which can no doubt be easily removed after proper consideration by commendable efforts : My intention is not to blame any individual nor any body of men, my only desire is to forcibly convey the idea that every teacher should in his individual capacity make an earnest endeavor to acquire every principle of knowledge, combined with gentility of character, of honor and integrity as a man, so as to raise himself more and more in the esteem of his scholars and the public in general.

If by this means he fails to secure proper compensation then indeed there is but little hope for a break in the winter of his discontent, and something somewhere is really wrong, then, gentlemen, what shall we do ? What would you suggest, if, after reasonable agitation and the proper presentation of our grievances they are not redressed ! At all events let us