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Metropolitan Church of Quebec, the Mother of all the churches of Canada.

This Encyclical was long expected. With the teaching of the infallible Doctor, the decision of the most august tribunal upon earth, it brings a new testimony of the solicitude and fatherly affection of the Head of the Church for our country.

For twenty years has Leo XIII now governed the Church, twenty years unremittently devoted to the sanctification of souls, to the preaching of truth, to peaceful struggling for good, to the union of minds and of hearts. His Letters will remain, undeniably, one of the most glorious monuments of the Papacy. They have won the admiration of the universe, they are spirit and life. All questions most closely interesting the individual, the family and society, science and faith, have been successively treated by Leo XIII; he has solved the great problems which agitated the nations; he is truly the Master of his age.

But while teaching the universal Church, he has not neglected the private churches, and there hardly remains to-day a single one, in the East as in the West, to which his voice has not spoken, which has not received from his august lips counsel and direction. His great heart embraces all nations, the lowliest as well as the mightiest, those which count centuries in their train and those which are beginning, those which have remained in the right path, and those which have wandered therefrom. For each and all, his admirable intellect, enriched with the choicest gifts of nature and of grace, has been a light, as the Word his divine Model, whose work and benefit he continues.

Lately, addressing the Bishops of Austria, Germany and Switzerland, regarding the question of education — a question which, more perhaps than any other, is the object of his preoccupation and zeal — he summed up, in a magnificent page, the principles of which Catholics must never lose sight.

We were struck with that teaching so clear and so firm, and which responded so perfectly to the wants of our agitated times. Leo XII exhorting the Bishops to leave nothing undone in order to maintain the faith whole and entire in all the schools, both those intended for children and those which are called higher or academic. He warned them against mixed or neutral schools; those where religion is impaired, and those from which it is banished. Indifferentism or neutrality

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