

"in connection with Separate Schools. Teachers and teaching therein must be Romish. These schools are under the control of the Romish clergy. Originally Roman Catholics were regarded as belonging to Public Schools, unless they expressed a wish to connect themselves with Separate Schools. Roman Catholics, where there is a Separate School as the law now stands, are set down as belonging to it, **unless they take the steps themselves of cutting themselves off from it** and becoming supporters of Public Schools. This regulation involves putting themselves in antagonism to their Church, a position, as you know, which they will think of twice before taking. This change in the law, from whatever motive effected, is obviously conducive to priestly ends and interests, placing, as it does, Roman Catholic citizens, who may desire to avail themselves of our Public Schools, more thoroughly under the dictation of their priests in their choice of how their children shall be educated.

"Roman Catholics having been granted Separate Schools, and changes having been made in the law from time to time giving them power to make their schools more widely and intensely Romish, surely, on the *principle of equal rights to all*, their interference in Public School matters should be proportionately less and less."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN DAY SCHOOLS

And again the rev. gentleman says :

"Roman Catholics believe that education should be distinctively and positively religious in day schools. I believe the same. Protestants gave them their Separate Schools that we might have our Public Schools left us to carry out therein our conceptions of duty to our children. I fear if Roman Catholics go on secularizing our Public Schools that we shall have to rise up and secularize all round. If the home and Church only are allowed to give religious instruction to Protestant children and the State simply that which is secular, then Roman Catholics must be ready for a similar fate. Perhaps with their interferences no other issue can be left our statesmen for their adoption. *Things cannot remain for ever in our Province as they are, where probably seven or more children are Protestants to one who is Roman Catholic.* We are not only **denied the rights of Protestants** in education in a **Protestant Province**, but that of **Britons**. Much that is gloriously characteristic in Britain's history is distasteful to a Church which *never acknowledges* that it has been wrong.

HISTORY FALSIFIED

"To gratify the childish sensitiveness of Romanists *Marmion* 'must go.' To meet their intolerance of truth, if it tells against them, history must be falsified, and so *Collier's* 'must go.' And what, if things are thus to go on, is to be on the morrow? You know, sir, the history of the Papacy in Europe. It gained an ascendancy there (of course it took centuries to do it, but centuries are nothing to its projects) against which men rose and which they threw off, and that too where there was no Protestant instigation existing. Are we to allow this tragic history to repeat itself here?

OPPOSITION HITHERTO RESTRAINED

"It is said no special opposition has been shown in Parliament or out of it as to your Government favoring Romanists. In Parliament is not the first place to look for such opposition when a **corporate vote** is involved. We must not, such is the pass to which affairs have come, stand back from doing our