

there has been most notable and most deplorable. But by these, the cause being known, no man ought to be shaken in his conviction or discouraged. Let waverers keep their eyes fixed upon those leading advocates of Equal Right whom they know to be free from the yoke of party and sinister influences of every kind. So long as these stand firm, there can be no excuse for leaving their side, apostatize who may. A strange Liberal he must be who is willing to be an accomplice in the barter of civil and religious equality for the patronage of a reactionary priesthood. The most miserable thing is to see young men on the threshold of their career learning to sacrifice their consciences to party tactics, and thus entering public life through the gate of chicanery and falsehood. Vainly they flatter themselves that when they have gained power by dishonest means they will use it like honest men.

The adherents of Equal Rights ought by this time to be pretty well steeled against the hypocritical charge of intolerance. Intolerant because, in a community of which religious equality is the law and the soul, they object to maintaining out of public taxes a set of schools which are manifestly and almost avowedly the engines of ecclesiastical domination! Intolerant because they refuse to put public education into the hands of Archbishop Cleary! Not a wish has been conceived, not a syllable has been uttered, by any leader or organ of the Equal Rights movement against the religious liberties or rights of Roman Catholics. Nor is any more respect due to the cant about peace than to the cant about toleration. Every measure of justice must be a disturbance of the peace of injustice; but in the long run justice is the only road to peace. Reform must come in the end, and the disturbance will not be less when the evil has grown greater. To say that if we did away with Separate Schools by constitutional means, and no others have ever been proposed, we should be false to our God is the very delirium of the platform. Why is this, of all communities, for ever to "lie in cold obstruction," to be debarred from legal