

to support him in a manner corresponding with the respectability of the teaching profession, and in some instances he has to devote his leisure hours in acquiring what is necessary to place him above the common wants of life : This is a great injustice, and a great injury to the cause of education, for the teacher should be placed in such a state of independence as would allow him, to devote all free time outside of class-hours in so perfecting himself that he might attain a still higher and higher degree in the proficiency of his art.

It is to be hoped this grievance may soon be removed, and that the spirit of apathy on the part of the general public may also disappear ; it still exists to such a degree as to exert a sort of restraining influence on the school authorities, thus preventing them from exercising the principles of compensating justice towards men upon whom rest the serious responsibility of directing and moulding the minds of the great majority of the population : It is an acknowledged fact that this same public possess a peculiar faculty of objecting in matters of material progress, even when it is conducive to their own best interests, still in spite of their manifestations to the contrary, their friends and representatives with reason and perseverance persist in accomplishing the necessary reform and amelioration : Once accomplished they esteem the work and regret their objection : Now, no material work is so worthy of appreciation as the efforts of the truly Catholic lay-teacher, who