

age. Who will venture to assert that the scholarly attainments of the late versatile Newman afforded an objection to the Catholic hierarchy conferring upon him the most distinguished honors at her command? The large percentage of Catholics annually attending the universities and normal schools throughout this Dominion, their industry and eminent success, is a sufficient refutation of this calumny that undeservedly rests upon them.

Within the early decades of this century, a most animated controversy was waged—memorably participated in and supported by that Titian statesman, Mr. Gladstone—in which it was held on one side that the propagation of religious truths is one of the principle ends of government as government. Nevertheless, the assumption to-day of a doctrine fraught with such momentous issues may scarcely disturb the equanimity of many good people, who otherwise might experience the greatest consternation over a proposition to introduce into public schools the rudiments of religious instruction.

With the state, however, should remain the duty of instructing the young in the elements of a purely secular education; fitting them thus indiscriminately for their future individual maintenance, as it would later train them for the nation's defence.

All thoughtful minds have observed with deep interest the recent deliberations of the Roman Catholic church in the United States, with reference to attendance on the public schools. For upwards of a year an energetic movement, headed by Archbishop Ireland, in favor of Catholic children attending the state schools has been in progress. As might have been anticipated, this step towards having the Protestant and Catholic children who together play in the street, also taught side by side in the state schools, has from many sides within the pale of the church itself encountered the most resolute opposition. Be this as it may, there has gone forth from the Vatican at Rome a decisive voice, which, while recognizing possible remote ill-consequences therein involved, cordially approves of and endorses this liberal movement. Previous