

CORRESPONDENCE, &c.

I. Letter from the Roman Catholic Bishop of Toronto to the Chief Superintendent of Schools for Upper Canada ; soliciting attention to the case of the Roman Catholic Separate School in Chatham :

†IRISHTOWN, (near Chatham,)
20th February, 1852.

REVEREND AND DEAR DR.—I beg to recommend to your equity, and to the good spirit of our Council of Public Instruction, the petition of the R. Catholics of Chatham.

My visitation through the Diocese convinces me more and more that this spirit, so solemnly professed at the laying of the corner stone of the Normal School by different interested parties, and particularly by our most excellent Governor General, is far from being prevalent in certain localities.

For God's sake, and for the prosperity of the country, let us combine all our exertions, that religious liberty, liberty of conscience, may be more real than nominal ; there is no other element of peace in this part of the world, composed of so many different persuasions.

As for me, I will do anything and make any sacrifice for the success of a principle, the privation of which is nothing short of a more or less disguised persecution.

I remain, with the best feelings of respect,

Rev. and dear Sir,

Your most devoted Servant,

(Signed) †ARM'DUS FR. MY.
Bp. of Toronto.

Rev. Dr. E. Ryerson,
Chief Superintendent of Schools,
Toronto.

II. Letter from the Roman Catholic Bishop of Toronto, to the Chief Superintendent of Schools, containing additional remarks on the case of the Roman Catholic Separate School in Chatham :

†LONDON, 7th March, 1852.

REV. AND DEAR DOCTOR,—I hear from Chatham, subsequently to my appeal to your equity and to your answer, that there the negroes are incomparably better treated than the Catholics ; —that the latter have received for their separate school, attended on an average by 46 pupils, only £4 10s., Government money ; and are offered as little out of about £300 taxes raised for the payment of teachers,—to which the Catholics have much contributed, as well as to the high sum levied for the building of a new school-house ;—that in another mixed school the anti-Catholic history of England by Goldsmith is perused as a text book.

Again, Rev. dear Doctor, where is the equity of such a management ? Where that liberal spirit professed in pamphlets, public speeches, reports, &c. ? And am I not right to call our most deplorable system of education a regular disguised persecution ? And still I have at hand facts of a worse character.

I remain, Rev. and dear Doctor,

Respectfully and friendly yours,

(Signed) †ARM'DUS FR. MY.
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