

THE BOARD'S CHAMPIONS.

It is satisfactory to observe that the Public School Board's edict of perpetual degradation issued against a half-dozen innocent Catholic children, uncondemned of crime and unaccused, has happily awakened no echo of approval in the city or in the Province from any public body, any decent journal, or any individual of recognized public merit or social influence. With regret, however, We feel bound to notice a letter addressed to both our local DAILIES, by a person named D. H. Marshall, and dated from nowhere. Common belief attributes the authorship of this communication to a warlike son of toil who enjoys fittingly the same patronymic and is familiarly known in the city. We have taken some pains to assure Ourselves of the identity of the writer who has entered the arena in the character of a free lance and, without any provocation whatever from Us, has thought proper to assail the Bishop of Kingston and the "Church of Rome" in language of coarse vituperation not unlike the insensate ravings of the No-Popery ranters of the 18th century. To our great surprise We have discovered that this gentleman is professor of Physics in Queen's University. His position entitles him to respect, and We shall not deny it to him. For he is by his office associated with gentlemen for whom we entertain the most kindly and respectful feelings. It has been a pleasure to Us to hold relations of amity and courteous interchange of friendly regard with the distinguished Principal and several of the able and erudite Professors of the University of which Kingston City justly boasts as her pride and her joy in the present and her hope for the future. God forbid that We, whose lengthy experience of academic discipline enables Us to recognize the latitude allowed to individual professors for indulgence of their personal whims in unofficial and private life, should be guilty of the rashness and injustice of charging against the College, its Principal or its professors generally, the odium of Mr. Marshall's misconduct. On the contrary, We take to Our heart with all confidence the public and solemn pronouncement of the University in its corporate character, delivered to Eastern Ontario and to all mankind by its honored Principal in the official address to Convocation read by him, in the name of the Chancellor, before the assembled Professors and graduates and the citizens of Kingston on the 22nd of last April:

QUEEN'S PRONOUNCEMENT vs. D. H. MARSHALL.

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