

the Church had announced no doctrine on this point, that there was no bull or papal decree condemning or affecting the principle of the question, which remained absolutely free in point of view of doctrine and of Catholic discipline." This straightforward answer at once dashed down in ruins the scaffolding of quibblings and of sophistical distinctions which had been so laboriously built up by the opponents of an attendance law for the purpose of condemning it by bell, book and candle to the limbo of lost causes. The Catholic Committee decided, before pronouncing on the matter in question, to demand more complete statistics so as to ascertain if our actual attendance is satisfactory, and if not, to study the feasibility of applying the remedy suggested in the petition.

Nothing is more satisfactory in the campaign for such a law than the fact that we have had a union of hearts and a co-operation among reformers that is most commendable and is the surest prophecy of success. The Protestant Committee has taken the matter up in a practical way and has a sub-committee studying the important aspect of what is involved in such a law in a financial way in capital expenditure for new schools and in increased annual revenue for the payment of the new teachers required. This sub-committee, at the request of its chairman, Mr. Howard Murray, has been given a free hand by the Protestant Committee to co-operate with the Federated Committee on Education, which is carrying on a public agitation for such a law. This latter organization was called into being by the School Attendance Committee of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers. On the Federated Committee are representatives of such organizations as the Board of Trade, the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, the Trades and Labour Council, the Local Council of Women, the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs and over sixty other clubs and societies, together with prominent citizens. The action of the Protestant Committee in co-operating in such an agitation inaugurates a new activity on the part of that Committee. It had several times put itself on record in a general way as being in favour of the principle of compulsory