

of the name without a religious basis," and in this way a state of things was brought about infinitely more healthy and spiritual than is to be found in any other Christian nation.

In these National Schools the Bible is read and explained; the Catechism carefully taught, and the hearts and minds of the children impressed, and rendered familiar with those doctrines and precepts, by which alone we can be made wise unto salvation.

Not that the Parent State has altogether escaped unscathed from this moral contagion, for we must confess, with shame and sorrow, that before so much good could be effected many had been corrupted; yet the great mass of the people may be pronounced comparatively safe.

Would to God that the influence of this wicked device of separating the babes of the flock from their Saviour had been equally impotent in this Colony as it has been in the Fatherland. But here it is cherished in high places. Hence the low state of religion, and the divisions and contentions among its members. The desecration of the Sabbath, the irreverence so generally manifested to holy things, till even the appearance of religion is driven from our Legislative Hall, where the voice of prayer is now unheard; and where no blessing is implored on their deliberations, or any recognition of God in Christ in any of our public doings.