

sonal or party ends, conscientious and intelligent friends of Equal Rights will give a wide berth.

The great question of Provincial politics to which our principles apply is that of Separate Schools. It does not appear to me that the past relation of the parties to this question permits any line to be drawn by one Association in favor of or against one party rather than the other. Whatever accretions have gathered around the Separate School Act have had, I think, the concurrence of all. Neither party can charge the other with developing Separate Schools; while the recent modifications of the Separate School law are in substance what our platform demands.

Should the views recently advanced in the address by the Provincial Council of the Equal Rights Association, respecting the abolition of Separate Schools, receive due endorsement and find a good measure of support in the community (as I trust they will), an issue of very great importance, both in Provincial and Dominion politics, will have to be decided. Meanwhile, the Association will endeavor to bear its part in forming public opinion; but should constituencies wish to ascertain the opinion of candidates upon a question of deep significance—a question which, in the judgment of most who are watching the educational movement both in Europe and America, must come to the front—they cannot be blamed for doing so.

Let all friends of Equal Rights who are more anxious to have our principles prevail than to secure a party triumph act in concert, with wise forbearance and with fidelity and honor. A time has come to test us whether we are worthy to be entrusted with the defence of a great cause; a cause which has no party significance, and which, let me say, can hurt no party which will not make war upon it.

The writer is entirely responsible for this letter, which is not in any degree official; at the same time he is confident that he expresses the opinion of the excellent men of all parties with whom it has been his privilege to act in the Equal Rights Association.

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