

too, when they doubtless had it in their power to crush it entirely out of the Protestant world. In 1829 there was neither a monastery nor a convent, and very few Roman churches in England; now the country is dotted over with them, and they may be counted by hundreds! And such is the degeneracy of the times in which we live, that the Anglican church itself is now largely Roman Catholic in its doctrinal teaching and idolatrous ceremonial.

Considering, I suppose, that no investigation was needed, the Government previous to the dissolution of Parliament, proceeded on the assumption that the Catholic minority of Manitoba have a "grievance," but they have free access to the non-sectarian public schools and this surely cannot be a grievance. And refusal to accede to the priestly desire for sectarian schools at the public expense (to the great inconvenience of some Protestant families living among them) and in which to inculcate their anti-Protestant dogmas, surely cannot be legitimately construed into a "grievance." Had the Dominion Parliament, instead of handing it over to the Privy Council for decision, taken it upon themselves to consider whether, all things considered, it was a "grievance" for the Roman Catholics of Manitoba to be without Separate Schools—unwarped by selfish desire and the hope of personal gain, they would doubtless have decided that they have no grievance to complain of, facilities being made for the efficient education of their children in the public schools and ample provision being also made to meet the scruples of the "Catholic" conscience; and of which the people's representatives who legislate in the interests of the people should be the sole judges and not the interested priests of the hierarchy. Personally, I may add, I have very little sympathy for their tender, anti-Bible, anti-praying consciences! They are a priestly product and hence purely man-made. Genuine prayer and the unadulterated word of God are too real for them—too real to suit the popish requirements of idolatrous worship and service!

If the "public schools," so-called in the province of Quebec, were as non-sectarian as are the public schools in Ontario the Protestants there would not require and would not ask for separate schools. A selection from the Bible, though it were from the "Douay," and a suitable prayer offered to God (not to the Virgin or the "Saints") would not be construed into a "grievance" by them. And Langevin and the rest of the clericals who are going about whining and prating about a Catholic "grievance," and who thereby provoke me and the rest of us to oppose them know this very well. They evidently want to keep the children of the "faithful" isolated, and bring them up a distinct people for their sinister popish purposes!

But if, I would say, the foregoing is all "unconstitutional" under pressure of the dictum of the hierarchy and in view of complaints of "grievance" being made by the minority, the Dominion Parliament, at the demand of the majority of the people, should see to it that it be made constitutional by an appeal to the Imperial Parliament. And in the event of its being denied them, have recourse to independency of action and make it constitutional themselves. A constitution should be made, remade, and amended at any time to suit the requirements of the times. If a