

regard to religious instructions. Education and religion are inseparable. Since education, as St. Paul gives us to understand, is to enable a child to live the life of Christ; and it is only in the separate Catholic schools, that parents, assisted by a properly trained and religious teacher, who is their representative and the representative of Christ, according to the learned Rollin and the Pastor, can lay the sure foundation for a simple and innocent child to lead such a pure life, and that in the face of all the obstacles which he must meet from a corrupt, irreligious, selfish, and worldly society. And in upholding their own schools, let them put their confidence in God. This is the grand and only secret to succeed. Want of such confidence has been always the ruin of individuals, families, and the world. It kept the Israelites forty years wandering in the wilderness, caused the bones of nearly six hundred thousand of them to lie buried there, and prevented Moses and Aaron from enjoying the long deserved honor and wish to enter at the head of their people into the land of promise. The same want of confidence militated against God's people ever afterwards, in all their wars and projects from the day they murmured against God for want of food and water, when the fiery serpents were sent to annoy and slay them, until they were carried into slavery by the Assyrians with their wives and children, their gold and silver, and all the furniture and vessels of their temple, and until in fine the Romans conquered them and rendered them tributary. 'At that time Hanani the Prophet came to the King of Juda, and said to him: Because thou hast had confidence in the King of Syria, and not in the Lord thy God, therefore, hath the army of the King of Syria escaped out of thy hands.' 'Were not the Ethiopians and Lybians much more numerous, yet because thou trustedst in the Lord he delivered them into thy hands.' 'For the eyes of the Lord behold all the earth, and give strength to those who with a perfect hand trust in him.'

"The school, the Catholic school is God's dearest work, because the surest and most effectual means to raise up to him, adorers, true adorers in spirit and in truth. Just as the holy sac-