

Reasonable persons prefer that the time and money devoted to such purposes should be spent in the alleviation of the suffering of human beings, and especially of poor little children many of whom might thus be saved not only from physical suffering but from lives of shame and crime.

CENTRALIZATION.

Centralization seems now to be the watchword of many. It pervades much of the recent legislation in Canada. Imperial Federation though not quite so gigantic as Tennyson's "Federation of the world" marks the same spirit. And wonder of wonders some are seriously speaking of the Protestant sects. This is not very new however. It is the same tendency towards centralization in educational affairs against which *Queens College Journal* with reason protests, "a dull leaden uniformity is enforced by threats and anything like local initiative or local action of any kind is out of the question."

Is not the famous University confederation scheme a big step in the same direction? We think that all this is the outcome of what has been aptly called *statolatry*. How few there are who do not deny to the parent the natural right to educate his children as he wishes, and who do not look on the state as merely doing its duty when it usurps this right. The state has the right to see that children receive an adequate education but the parent has rights as well. Centralization in educational matters (as in everything else) is carried to its extreme limit in France and a study of its working there would be beneficial to those interested in such subjects here.

If this go on we may expect in the near future that tailors will have to pass an examination in order that all the members of a community shall wear the same kind dress.

IN a communication which we publish this month it is urged that Canada should establish a university similar to the great Catholic university about to be founded in the States. It is in accordance with our wishes that old students and friends should send us from time to time their opinions on such matters and we therefore publish it with pleasure. The difficulties in the way of such a scheme, however, seen to us insuperable. Our French Canadian co-religionists could not be expected to support, to any great extent, a college whose language would not be their own. And the English speaking Catholics are too few and too widely scattered over the Dominion to undertake such an immense work. Moreover when we consider that the American university will be especially for those who have already made an ordinary college course, it will be seen that Canadians may enjoy its advantages as well as Americans. Schools of Law and Medicine similar to those already existing in Quebec and the United States, will no doubt be established in connection with an English college as soon as circumstances will permit.

EVEN the most lukewarm Catholics must feel their hearts touched when the sufferings of our Lord are recalled to their minds during Passion-Tide. The offices and ceremonies of Holy Week, so well calculated to excite sentiments of sorrow and love in our breasts, are performed with the utmost solemnity in the College. This year additional grandeur was added to the ceremonies by their taking place in the new chapel with its spacious sanctuary and aisles. The procession on Holy Thursday was a most beautiful and impressive spectacle, and the repository wherein the Blessed Sacrament was placed was visited during the afternoon by a large number of the faithful of the city.