

every step. In many points it bears a strong resemblance to the Arianism of the fourth century. The religious difficulties arising from it are even of a more serious character than those which belong to its political aspect. I, of course, do not intend to discuss it here, but merely to point out that latitudinarianism in religion, and extreme secularism in education, are its distinguishing characteristics. It has insinuated itself into a large number of our High Schools in the Eastern Townships, which have been seed-plots for the propagandism of extreme American ideas, hereafter to bring forth their fruits. There are men in the Eastern Townships with whom the propagandism of these ideas amounts to a fanaticism of their lives.

Let nothing I have here said lead any one to suppose that I would regard the clergy as having any interests antagonistic to those of the laity—far otherwise—nor that I would make distinctions of nationality in the Church. All this has been done by others already. In a catholic body, such as ours, men of various nationalities must find a congenial home. There should be neither Jew, nor Greek, nor barbarian; nor Englishman, Irishman, or American here. Regeneration in Christ should make us all simply citizens in the city of God. In the circumstances of our country various nationalities will throw their ingredients into the crucible to be moulded into one catholic body. Each unit so contributed can love and honour the body from which it has proceeded, in due subordination to the principles of that body which it has entered. The spirit of which I have written proceeds rather from the political world than from any particular church. I am quite sure that it would find no sympathy in the American Church. They know, if we do not, the value of the privileges we possess. They would never part with them if they were theirs. Why, then, should we? Why should we not preserve the precious inheritance we possess, and especially those great catholic features of it, which, at this moment, are more valuable even than ever, in consequence of the