

the Sabbath, or hold family worship; and we believe that were our Sessions faithfully and kindly to exercise such superintendence, it would result in many benefits to all.

Then whoever has any means, or any income, however small, let every such one esteem it a privilege gratefully to lay by in store as God hath prospered; and as the Holy Spirit sanctifies soul, body, talents and wealth, then all will be ready when needed,—yea, emphatically consecrated to God.

Let the gracious influences of God's spirit only be sought and poured out more richly on every family and adherent of our church; and then we shall have an era of sanctified liberality such as Canada has never seen; then every one shall have their stated seasons joyously to lay by in store for human wants for God's redemption work.

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OUR COMMON SCHOOL SYSTEM.

Several things of late have occurred to increase and deepen our anxieties with reference to the common school system. A new blow has been, in our estimation, struck by the passage through the Legislative Assembly of the Separate School Bill, introduced by Mr. Scott of Ottawa, but supported and urged forward by the Government. The effect of the Bill is greatly to extend the facilities for Roman Catholics obtaining separate schools, and to increase the funds available for such purposes. We doubt not that, through the operation of this new Act, (if the Bill shall finally become law) Roman Catholic schools will be greatly multiplied even in country districts where they were not likely to exist formerly.

There are few sections of the country where five Roman Catholic families may not be found within the circle of eighteen miles.

We deeply regret the introduction and passing of such a measure. We regard it as a heavy blow and great discouragement to our excellent common school system. No doubt it will just encourage the Roman Catholic authorities to make, ere long, fresh and increased demands. It will not prove a final measure. Already some of the Roman Catholic organs are speaking of the measure as an instalment of a debt which must be demanded and paid in full. We firmly believe the Romanists will not rest until the common school system is thoroughly upset. Besides, it cannot but lead the Church of England, already moving for separate schools, to persevere in the attempt. When such advantages are accorded to the Church of Rome, and such facilities granted for obtaining separate schools, it cannot be matter of wonder if other denominations put forward their claims. There is little or no time for the voice of the country being heard in this matter. But we trust that in the other branch of the Legislature, the Bill may be arrested, or something done to render it more innocuous. We feel grieved that in this matter the present government has shewn itself more yielding to Popish influences than the preceding.