

principle! While it is confessed that in youth the understanding is as yet powerless, the heart may be abandoned to allurements of the world; when good and evil, right and wrong, grow up around, thickly as the confused seeds that are allotted to Psyche, as an increasing toil, to cull and set asunder! Not that I mean to inter the infallible prospect of a rich moral harvest from the fact of an early training, no more than I doubt that many who had been totally neglected in early life, have been brought, under providential circumstance, to a deep and saving sense of religion. But are not such samples the exceptions? And the difficulties that stand in the way are all but insurmountable: the passions preponderate and rule: there are no cheering thoughts to remind the poor prodigal of his father's happy house; no relishing associations midst his past gloomy impressions! But reverse the supposition, and what cheering results! The recollection of youthful days, when innocence and love made melody in the heart, returns upon broken spirits in maturer years, and fits them the affections of heart in the midst of the world's pollutions; it sustains, like a friendly staff, when anguish besets the soul almost sinking beneath the pressure of the injustices of men, the strokes of calamity, or the lesser stripes of paltry envy, more galling than the rods of the executioner: it calls back to all that was blessed in youth, without abating one glory of manhood, and as we near the margin of the grave it enkindles once again those early fires, in anticipation of coming rewards; and sheds their mild heats through the evening chambers of the soul!

I can scarcely bring myself to believe that the Government will sanction a monster system of education, which some are prepared to maintain, "*cannot be too much praised.*" If we are to have a State provision for education, that education should be complete, not fragmentary; it should minister to the wants of the head and the heart, and so bring out the full stature of man. When the pupil passes from the domestic to the public school the same principles, under a wider range, should be supposed to surround him. His guardians are concentric spheres, within which his whole being, moral and intellectual, is to be unfolded. He passes from the endearing solitudes of parents, his faculties yet expanding, and if the State be true to its high trust, it should be prepared to complete the process that was commenced at home, with severer discipline and heavier burdens, proportion, of course, to the special wants of the pupil. Thus it is that both family and State should conspire to form the social man. But the nefarious system that hangs over us flings to the wind our most sacred convictions on this subject. The principle of religious indifference is now the cherished maxim! No morality is to be enforced, no Divine truths are to be unfolded! That religion of old which was proscribed in this land is now to be suppressed! That religion whose

essence is charity may not be spoken of lest charity should be violated! That religion which for every Catholic student, be he young or old, must be the central position to view the current and dazzling theories of the day, whence Augustine and Bossuet, Pascal and Leibnitz, drew their best inspirations, and learned to unfold an antagonist philosophy to the imposing and delusive theories of impious sophists—that same religion, dearer than the apple of the eye to the youth of Ireland, and which—

"From city and wilderness,
In vesper low or joyous orison,
Lifts her solemn voice."

must, we are told, be never alluded to within the halls of our universities, lest its sacred presence should put to shame the cold, debasing, and Heathenish system of culture with which we are menaced!

(To be Continued)

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