

bodies, maintained schools in the darkest and most evil times of revolution and conquest, fostering and propagating whatever learning there was in the world, thus justifying the remark of Pope Gregory XVI., who declared "That the most illustrious universities of Europe were founded with the consent and support of the Roman Pontiffs." (Great applause). In England the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, in Ireland that of Dublin, received the rights of a university from Pope John XXII. In Belgium the University of Louvain, and in Denmark the University of Copenhagen, were founded by Pope Martin V.; the University of Douai, by Pope Pius IV.; and in Spain, Italy, Portugal, Poland, and Sweden, all the existing universities were either founded or approved by the Roman Pontiffs (great applause).

And, in conclusion, let me say, why should not every independent Catholic, and I would venture to add, every enlightened Protestant, who is for the well-being of society and religion in this country, why should you not refuse to give a vote for any man who is not for denominational education? Let me implore you to make one united and noble effort to tumble from its place the proud Dagon of mixed education in this land.

I know the opposition will be vehement, but I firmly believe that a sturdy and vigorous agitation on our part will carry the day; then the Catholic Church will win her victory—the victory of having the school the porch of the sanctuary, and on the indestructible basis of divine faith, raise a perfect fabric of human improvement and culture, gaining over the reasoned infidelity and deranged will of the Nineteenth Century. This will be a greater triumph than she wrought in the time of St. Augustine and St. Thomas, and make her at once the fortress of society and the fountain of knowledge.

The learned gentleman resumed his seat amid the appreciative applause of the large assembly.

COMPARATIVE CIVILISATION.

We take the following from *Pomeroy's Democrat*. For the sake of the interesting figures we hope our readers will excuse the violent manner of Mr Pomeroy's expression:—

New England fanatics have for years howled at what they have termed the barbarism and ignorance of the Southern people. In the matter of schools, and churches, and good souls free from taint, New England has claimed to be so far in advance of any part of the country, and particularly of the South. With this sort of lying argument Puritan preachers, orators, and newspapers have made capital, and have hanged on through the years until they got up a civil war.

The last census throws some light on this subject, and may furnish some hints for the great, loyal, and good of New England. The white population and number of churches in each of the six New England and the six South Atlantic States (counting as one Virginia and West Virginia), are as follows:—

States.	Whites.	Churches
Maine	624,809	1,104
Vermont... ..	329,613	744
New Hampshire	317,697	1,764
Massachusetts	1,443,156	1,764
Rhode Island... ..	212,219	283
Connecticut	526,549	902
Total	3,455,043	5,421
Delaware	102,221	252
Maryland... ..	605,497	1,389
Virginia	712,089	2,405
West Virginia	424,033	1,018
North Carolina	687,470	2,497
South Carolina	239,667	1,208
Georgia	681,926	2,698
Total	3,450,903	11,567

The congregations of the churches foot up a total of 2,203,677 for New England, and 3,660,984 for the South.

With an equal population the South has twice as many churches, and two-thirds more members of congregations than New England. Massachusetts, with a population nearly double that of Georgia, has scarcely half as many churches as the latter State, and only a small excess of members of congregations. How about New England piety now?

Let us continue the comparison. The following table will show the native white population of the States mentioned, and the number of criminals and paupers in each:—

	Native white population.	Paupers.	Criminals.
Maine	576,097	3,149	255
Vermont... ..	282,491	1,231	143
New Hampshire	288,117	1,739	199
Massachusetts	1,090,843	5,323	1,152
Rhode Island	156,927	407	133
Connecticut	414,015	1,123	215
Total	2,808,491	12,972	2,097
Delaware	93,101	223	13
Maryland... ..	522,238	781	304
Virginia	698,888	1,941	331
West Virginia	406,951	839	138
North Carolina	675,490	1,149	132
South Carolina	281,894	883	130
Georgia	628,173	1,270	126
Total	3,806,235	7,062	1,174

These figures show that, with half a million more whites, the South has little more than half the paupers and criminals as New England.

Let New England fanatics take these figures along when they go out to preach about the Ku-Klux and the ignorance and lawlessness of the South.

STATISTICS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN FRANCE.

(Compiled for this Paper.)

The arrangement made in 1821, as to the number and character of Bishoprics in France, remains in force to the present time, with the following exceptions:—Cambrai was raised to the dignity of an Archiepiscopal See, or rather re-established in that—its former dignity in 1841, and Rennes became an Archbishopric in 1859. More recently still, Laval was separated from the Diocese to which it had been united, and erected into an independent See. At the close of the late war Strasbourg and Metz were united to Germany. Besides these, there are several Bishoprics in the French Colonies of which mention will be made hereafter. The Archbishoprics and Bishoprics in France proper are as follows:—

Archbishoprics.	Suffragans.
Paris	Chartres Meaux Orleans Blois Versailles
Cambrai	Arras
Lyon et Vienne	Autun Langres Dijon Sainte-Claude Grenoble
Rouen	Bayeux Evreux Sées Contance
Sens	Troyes Nevers Moulins
Reims	Soissons Chalons Beauvais Amiens
Tours	Le Mans Angers Laval
Rennes	Nantes Quimper Vannes Sainte-Brieux
Bourges	Clermont Limoges Le Puy Tulle Saint Flour
Albi	Rodez Cahors Mende Perpignan
Bordeaux	Agen Angouleme Poitiers Périgueux La Rochelle Lugon
Auch	Aire Tarbes Bayonne
Toulouse	Montauban Famiers Carcassonne
Aix	Marseille Fréjus Digne Gap Ajaccio (in Corsica)
Besangon	Strasbourg } Now in Metz } Germany Verdan Belley Saint Dié Nancy
Avignon	Nîmes Valence Viviers Montpellier

It will be seen, therefore, that there are in France to-day 16 Archbishoprics and 63 Bishoprics, exclusive of Metz and Strasbourg. From the Budget of 1859, it appears there were then in France 46,533 priests, exclusive of those who were supported at the expense of the communes, and the members of religious orders and congregations. It is no exaggeration to say, making allowance for the ordinary increase, and excluding from the calculation the number of priests in the dioceses of Metz and Strasbourg, that there are at present about 50,000 priests in