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We should abandon the irreverent farce and desecration of the perfunctory reading of the Bible in our public schools. Thousands of our citizens feel that this would be the right thing to do who are yet unwilling to yield the point because it would seem like a surrender to Romish dictations. Like Falstaff, they do not choose to be virtuous on compulsion. But if it be our conviction, however it may have been reached, it will be true dignity to act upon it. Then and then only can we place our public school system on an impregnable foundation. Then only will all plausibility be taken away from **claims for Roman and other sectarian schools.** Then, also, would churches be made to feel anew and more deeply the duty of religious education of the children of the republic.

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