

of the school belongs to the State, it ought to be clearly and unambiguously so defined ; so that all officials who have to perform the duties of supervision act in the name of the State and not in that of the Church, and that the duty of supervision belongs to an ecclesiastic, if that trust be confided to him by the State, not as ecclesiastic, but as servant of the State.

But it must not be supposed that the State and Church are meant to be placed in antagonism with one another on the subject of education. Under the general term *Volksschule* are included the Elementary (popular), Middle, and Higher Schools, and this is the starting-point of the duty of the *Volksschule*. "The *Volksschule* has for its object the religious training as one part of universal human education." The *Volksschule* has not only to educate the young to become reasonable men, but also to awake in them the feeling of a religious life, to scatter the seed of belief in the hearts of the children, and to strengthen them in every virtue. The chief direction and care belongs to the State, but the Church must give her best help. Father and mother acting together further