

Providence, March 18. 1871

Venij. Rev. dear Sir:

Hon. Henry Burnard
of Hartford, Conn, former Commissioner
of Education, and Editor of the Journal
of Education, has several times asked
me, if any Catholic could be induced
to write an article for his Journal,
giving a succinct view of what has
been done, and of what is now being
done for Education, by the Catholic
Church in the U. S. This article or
articles might give a brief historical
sketch of some of our principal educational
institutions, and more specially a
view of their present condition, as to
numbers of pupils, &c. and also their
system of teaching &c.

Should you know of any one
capable and willing to undertake
the task of writing such an article

would you please speak to them
of it? I promised Mr. Barnard,
on Monday last, to write to you
on the subject. - Though wedded
to the public school system, Mr.
B. feels kindly towards Catholics
and their schools and wishes to
be just to them.

As I know no one who has done
so much for education, in our Country,
as yourself, I have ventured to trouble
you with this matter. Will you
pardon me this intrusion and
believe me, with great respect,
Yours in Christ.

F. P. McFarland
Bp of Hartford

V. Rev. E. Sinn C. S. C.
Superior General

[Bishop Francis P. McFarland of Hartford]

I answered in F. Goanji name that you
were extracted in May - and that you
would see about the matter.