

The author could have chosen "flooding" or "caving" but he chose "pouring" because it is more loaded & descriptive.

This sentence is a compound sentence. It is two separate clauses put together.

"The outside influences are always

Pouring in upon us; and we are always

obeying their orders and accepting their

Verdicts."

Author uses Pathos to impact emotion of reader. This line represents the relentless forces always pushing against them there is never an end.

negative connotation to word "obeying"

Verdicts is a stronger word than law or rule. Author wanted the impact of "verdict" to hit hard.

They are not free. constantly following orders. This emotion in the line is of being ~~and~~ suppressed and told what to do all of their lives.

Author could have used followed but chose accepting because it truly demonstrates the emotion behind the word. They did not just follow, they accepted.

"Verdicts" is an allusion to the courts. The courts only suppressed them even more back then and the law was not on their sides. Brings negative connotation.

- The teachers are always bearing down on us, yet we never question or revolt their oppressive ways.