THE A. P. A.

The enormous, and to a large extent undesirable, immigration of the past twenty-five years was in the main the cause of the organization of such societies as the American Protective Association. Differing widely from native-born Americans in manners, customs and ideas; untaught in the ways of Democracy save that they had been led to believe that American liberty meant license; the majority of them wholy dependent upon others for guidance in matters pertaining to political government; lacking, because of their ignorance and illiteracy, that independence of thought and belief and that sturdiness of character which are the birthright of American citizens, the 12,000,000 foreigners who have come here since 1860 have exerted an influence which unquestionably has not tended toward the preservation and perpetuation of American institutions as founded by the fathers of the republic. Ignoring the principles embodied in the constitution, attempts have been frequently made to overthrow, to nullify, to modify or amend some of its articles, but more particularly the first amendment, which reads in language plain and easily understood: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

History has not repeated itself in the A. P. A., for it is wholly unlike the Know-Nothing organization. As promulgated by the order itself, the principles of the A. P. A. are:

The following are the declarations of principles adopted by the National Council of the A. P. A. at DesMoines:

"Loyalty to true Americanism, which knows neither birth, place, race, creed, nor party, is the first requirement for membership in the American Protective Association.

"The American Protective Association is not a political party, and does not control the political affiliations of its members; but it teaches them to be intensely active in the discharge of their political duties in or out of party lines, because it believes that all problems confronting our people will be bound solid by a conscientious discharge of the duties of citizenship by every individual.

"While tolerant of all creeds, it holds that subjection and support to any political power not controlled by American citizens, and which claims equal if not greater sovereignty than the government of the United States, is irreconcilable with American citizenship. It is, therefore, opposed to the holding of offices in state or national government by any subject or supporter of such ecclesiastical power.

"We uphold the constitution of the United States of America, and no portion of it more than its guarantee of religious liberty, but we hold this religious liberty to be guaranteed to the individual, and not to mean that under its protection any un-American ecclesiastical power can claim any absolute control over the education of children, growing up under the stars and stripes.

"We consider the non-sectarian free public school the bulwark of American institutions, the best place for the education of American children. To keep them such, we protest against the employment of subjects of any un-American ecclesiastical power as officers or teachers of our public schools.

"We condemn the support out of the public treasury by direct appropriation or by contract of any sectarian school, reformatory or other institution not owned and controlled by public authority.

"Believing that exemption from taxation is equivalent to a grant of public funds, we demand that no real or personal property be exempt from taxation, the title to which is not vested in the national or state governments, or in any of their sub-divisions.

"We protest against the enlistment in the United States army, navy, or the militia of any state, of any person not an actual citizen of the United States.

"We demand for the protection of our citizen laborers the prohibition of the importation of pauper labor, and the restriction of all immigration to persons who cannot show their ability and honest intention to become self-supporting Ameri an citizens.

"We demand the change of the naturalization laws by a repeal of the act authorizing the naturalization of minors, without a previous declaration of intention, and by providing that no alien shall be naturalized or permitted to vote in any state in the union who cannot speak the language of the land, and who cannot prove seven years' consecutive residence in this country from the date of his declaration of his intention.

"We protest against the gross negligence and laxity with which the judiciary of our land administer the present naturalization laws, and against the practice of naturalizing aliens at the expense of committees or candidates as the most prolific source of the present prostitution of American citizenship to the basest uses.

"We demand that all hospitals, asylums, reformatories, or other institutions in which people are under restraint, be at all times subject to public inspection, whether they are maintained by the public or by private corporations or individuals.

"We demand that all national or state legislation affecting financial, commercial or industrial interests be general in character and in no instance in favor of any one section of the country, or any one class of the people."

There appears to be a considerable difference of opinion as to the true origin of the A. P. A. Evangelist Leyden, an A. P. A. lecturer, is authority for the statement that the idea of a national patriotic organization was first evolved by Hon. H. P. Bower, of Clinton, Iowa, who, with seven others whose names are not given, established the first A. P. A. council in his native town on March 13th, 1887. He was for six years its supreme president. Mr. Bowers is a lawyer by profession, and has held several important public offices.

For several years the strength of the A. P. A. was confined to the state of Iowa, but in 1890, 1891 and 1892 it began to branch out into adjoining territory. In the last two months of 1892 and all through the following year it grew rapidly, until at last it held the balance of power in the west central states, and was numerically very strong in Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Ohio. In 1892-93 it for the first time became a power in politics, taking its partisan complexion from the majority party of the state in which it existed—as, for example, in Indiana it is supposed to be Democratic, in Ohio Republican. During the last months of 1892 the A. P. A. was said to be increasing in membership at the rate of about 100,000 per month, and this estimate, so I have been repeatedly told by men who are supposed to be connected with it, is conservative.

The membership, so far as I have been able to learn, is not made up of any particular class of society, although the majority are from the great middle-class. It has on its rolls, so I am reliably informed, judges on the bench as well as laborers, members of state legislatures, and national, state and municipal officials, clerks and farmers, merchants and mechanics, representatives of all social, financial and intellectual conditions. Not a few learned professors and collegians are members of it.

It is said by members of the association—and statistics seem to bear out the truth of the assertion—that the society has lost only a small per cent. of the elections in which it has been engaged.

In the west, and in several instances in the east, it has dictated or influenced nominations. In 1893 it took for the first time an active part in the elections of the state of New York, its phenominal growth in the empire state at last warranting a participation in them as the A. P. A. and not as voters merely, with none but partisan affiliations. Its success in New York state caused at once an enormous gain in membership in New York City, where prior to November 7th, only one or two unimportant councils had existed. In Brooklyn it was already strong. During this year the gains have been mostly in the east, it is said, in New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Connecticut. In Massachusetts, Maine and Rhode Island the Order of Deputies, similar in purpose and principle to the A. P. A., is the secret political power. The total membership of the various organizations patterned after the A. P. A., and including it, is estimated to be not far from 3,500,000.

I fail to find a sound basis for the contention that the A. P. A., as an organization is anti-Catholic, or that it wages war against any religion as a religion. That there are anti Catholic fanatics in the order it must be admitted, but they are in the minority. As an organization the A. P. A. contends against none but political powers, and only when the influence of those powers is exerted against what is honestly believed to be for the best interests of America, her laws, beliefs and the preservation and perpetuation of her institutions. It has overthrown in politics Protestants, Lutherans and Catholics alike, not discriminating against the believer of any religion or the member of any church, save when that member has not been a good American and a subscriber to the principles of the constitution of the United States, without mental or verbal reservation. So long as the members of the A. P. A. stick to their promulgated principles they will have the sympathy and assistance of all Americans; but they cannot mix religion and politics, and prosper and endure.—*John W. Stewart in Harper's Weekly.*

Who Will Help!

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 30, 1894.—EDITOR AMERICAN, Omaha, Neb.—We are glad to read the encouraging words we find in each issue of your patriotic paper. There is need of every word that can find its way to the sleeping Protestants. Our city is Catholic ridden, and we are striving hard to awaken public sentiment to the fact that they must work or die.

We in this city of 60,000 inhabitants have only one hospital and that a Catholic institution and you who know them so well, know what that means. We are now making an effort to establish one in which a Protestant can have his own spiritual adviser without protest. Can you not through the columns of your valuable paper, solicit help for our enterprise, asking some benevolent person to give us liberally of his means, or endow us, so that we may furnish a home for the sick in this country where there is such a large floating population? Please think of this and try to aid us if you can.

Our W. A. P. A. is in a flourishing condition. We shall try in our coming school election to put in some one who will be loyal to American institutions, and American teachers.

We had a find lecture on Friday evening from J. Q. A. Henry of San Francisco. I wish there were more like him. Go on in your good work, and may you live to see your efforts crowned with success in having "America for Americans." Yours loyally. A WOMAN.

American Democrats Carry Maryland.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 7.—The true Americans of Baltimore city and the state of Maryland have thrown aside party and declared themselves against tools of a foreign power holding office in this state, by electing twenty-two out of thirty-one candidates, and possibly two more. The A. P. A. of this state has lost no opportunity in presenting to the people the need of the times, and they have heard the warning, and Maryland repeats the vote she gave for Bell and Everett in days gone by.

DEMOCRAT.

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