

FROM BISHOP KEANE.

A Reply to the Assaults on the Catholic Church.

Bishop Keane, president of the Catholic University of America, discusses the attacks on his church in an article in the Pittsburg Dispatch. He says that an analysis of the Catholic church system of education shows the entire construction of its vast fabric to emanate from the following seven cardinal principles:

- 1. The bases of modern civilization is the philosophy of the christian religion, in its teachings concerning man, God, and the relations of man with God, and men with each other. It has been attempted by philosophers of the school of Gibbons and Hume to disprove this great truth, but their efforts have been futile and experience has demonstrated the contrary.
2. No reasonable man doubts that the chief agency in the development of civilization is proper education.
3. But that education should develop a sound and lasting civilization, it must have the christian religion as a pervading element.
4. On the other hand, education is inseparable from scientific research and the advancement of knowledge. Some have imagined or pretended that this is inconsistent with the christian religion, but we know that this is not true, and that, on the contrary, every truth and fact of nature illustrates the supernatural. Science logically leads up to philosophy, and philosophy to religion. This very statement has been lately proclaimed by the marquis of Salisbury, president of the British academy, speaking from the standpoint of science, in his last annual address.
5. Hence, any system of education involving the exclusion of the christian religion is illogical, and must prove practically pernicious. This is especially true of higher education, since popular thought will always be largely moulded by the most learned.
6. From all this it follows that the chief need of our times, both in view of logical, sound education and in reference to genuine civilization and the safeguards of wise, social institutions, is the establishment of higher or university education, in which zeal for the very deepest scientific research, and for the very farthest advances in learning, will be coupled with equal zeal for the christian religion.
7. Finally, it is manifest to all impartial observers that the world's advance body in civilization is led by the United States. Here, then, more than anywhere else in the world, it is important that popular education, and especially higher or university education, should be thoroughly impregnated with the soundest christian philosophy. It is the earnest conviction, and this object nearest the heart of the broad-minded Leo XIII., that has led him, seconded by the practical wisdom of our bishops, to establish, in the nation's capital, the great Catholic university of America.
Referring to the A. P. A. the bishop says: "Our country has lately witnessed an outburst of sectarian animosity against the Catholic church, in a mass of heterogeneous movements arising here and there, which have finally crystallized themselves in a most un-American organization, ruled by the reprisals of intolerance, recruited by the spirit of revolution and rallied as the 'A. P. A.' Such movements are no new thing, either in the history of our church or in the history of our country. Bigotry ruled in the land before our war of independence, and even since the genius of America has quenched its shameful and destructive flames a few scattering firebrands have every now and then appeared, endeavoring to rekindle fires that conflagration whose lurid flames once flamed against the night of superstition in the times of the Salem witchcrafts.
"Is it this malign spirit of discord which is now once more asserting itself in political or semi-political movements, which have for their beginning a thrust at the christian religion, and for their ultimate design the disintegration of our society. It is strange that any intelligent man could listen to these harbingers from the religious ghost-lore of the past, or could give to such inflammatory efforts the dignity of supposed political importance.
"The intolerant methods of the boycottists, the calamitarians and the bugaboo politicians can no longer influence the opinions of an intelligent community. The principle constituency of all such movements is as a rule rallied from the ranks of illiteracy, and, while headed here and there by misguided enthusiasts of greater abilities, the general body of such agitators represent the most ignorant classes of our commonwealth.
"The American people do not need to be reminded of the character and history of 'know-nothingism,' and of their final indignant repudiation of it which has rendered the very name of its disciples the synonym and symbol of ignorance. Something of the same kind is now showing itself in this new movement of the American Protective Association and working, he is said, with an energy worthy of a better cause, to set citizen against citizen through the agency of bigotry, prejudice and sectarianism. It but gladdens my heart to see how fiercely they work in their bad

cause, for the louder their outcries, the more inflammatory their utterances, and malignant their exertions, the sooner will they show to the American people the shamefulfulness of their heartless unchristian policy. I say more power to them, for power ill-gotten is soonest spent, and unrighteous revolution must always run the shortest course. Let them do their worst, for the sooner that worst appears the sooner will the miserable spirit which actuates their efforts become plain to our citizens and settle their cause forever. I have no fear at all as to what the future will be.

"Believing, as I do, absolutely in the genius of American principles and institutions, I know that these men and their policy are not the outgrowth of the liberal genius of America, nor are they the children of its harmony and freedom, and I know that their career, even though it may be violent, must be short lived and end in the ignominy which it deserves. I am convinced that the whole movement, now known as the A. P. A., is simply the outcome of imported British Orangeism, in alliance with the small lingering element of ultra New England puritanism, in which the intolerance of the former has fused with the worst forms of the superstition of the latter. This poor thing is making desperate efforts to secure a place in the struggle for existence, but in the very laws of nature, which demand the survival of the fittest, it must soon be destined to despair.

"These parasites on the social body will always vanish in due course of their own accord if left to the purifying influence of the life-blood of our republic. They will become fewer as our civilization progresses, until it attains a point where none of these isolated handfuls of revolutionists can raise a concourse large enough to secure the most passing attention in their dissent from the laws of social order and development."

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"In the first time for several years Cambridge has again been placed in the Republican column of cities, a result which has been, we have reason to believe, largely due to the order known as the A. P. A., whose unspoken influence in the campaign has been marked by an energy, coupled with discretion, which speaks volumes for those who managed its affairs.

"That the above mysterious semi-political organization had their dexter fingers in the recent political pie, and its proper distribution, none who have watched the course of events, as displayed on the caucus screens, will attempt to deny.

"An organized body of intelligent men, engaged in a righteous, and to many what is deemed a sacred cause, can carry great weight and influence, especially in the primary caucuses, in which the states are made, delegates chosen, and candidates selected.

"The above organization, if we understand their purposes aright, has been forced into existence by the assaults made upon our public school system by the Roman Catholic hierarchy, whose spiritual head at Rome ordered an attempt all along the line.

"Members of the A. P. A. inform us that all the talk about their boycotting and swearing never to vote for a Catholic under any circumstances, is not all rot, and the invention of their enemies.

"Of course, as the Roman Catholics are the open and avowed enemies of our public schools, which the A. P. A. are organized to protect, it is natural to suppose that they would give their preference to a Protestant who was all right on that question, to one whom they knew from their standpoint to be all wrong."

Another Daughter. Liberty Bell Council, No. 3, D. of L. was instituted Saturday evening, December 1st, at Liberty, Mo., by Brother James Tate Roan.

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Worked to Rome's Hand.

CAIRO, Ill., Dec. 15, 1894.—Editor THE AMERICAN: As Americans only will be elected here next April, it might be well to say in advance that there will be a fine opening here for a hospital, and some good American who understands that business could do well here, as the city has none of its own. Heretofore the city has been managed by Romanists, and an American could not make his rent here. It was tried by Dr. Elrod, who had to give it up. It has been the custom for years, if a case was to be treated by a certain physician, the patient had to go to St. Mary's hospital. I know a case where a little finger had to be amputated, and he ordered the patient to St. Mary's hospital. It was a Protestant lady. Her husband is a very poor man, who makes his living by working at his trade—that of a carpenter. His wages were low, and he did not work half the time. He had to pay \$8.00 per week for his wife while there. After she came out it was not long until this same lady had to be examined, and the family physician again ordered her to be taken to St. Mary's. It was then that the Protestant carpenter saw his pretended Protestant family physician scheme to bleed him for the benefit of the sisters, and ever since that the Protestant (?) physician has been watched. The case mentioned here is just one of hundreds. But that physician with a Roman wife has lost about all of his American practice.

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