

ROME INSIDE OUT.

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Romanism is not much else but heathenism under another name. Heathenism was wont to deceive the people by false wonders and pretended miracles.

Look at a scene in a monastery in Switzerland in the year 1507. A young man named Jeter was just been received as a novice. He goes to his cell, his mind imbued with all the superstitions of his age.

In all these cases the Romish creed holds that the character of the priest makes no difference with the effect of his rites and offices. He may come fresh from a tavern or a brothel; he may reel with drunkenness, or his hand may drip with the blood of a murdered victim—it matters not.

You have heard how the lame have been made to walk by kneeling at the shrine of the Virgin, or of St. Bridget, or of St. Ursula, or of some other saint; and how the skeptical visitor is shown a huge pile of veritable crutches, which have been left behind by those thus healed.

There are a few of the cardinal points in the Romish creed: Salvation possible only in the Romish path by help of the priests; regeneration by the sprinkling of water; expiation and atonement by the blessing, lifting up and adoring of a little crumb of wheat dough; abolition by two Latin words from the lips of the priest; deliverance from purgatory on a strictly cash basis; divine grace receiveable through the medium of the vilest of mankind as surely as through the holiest, if he is only a priest; and in heaven a woman, like the rest of us, taking upon herself the task of interceding for three hundred millions of devotees!

To this must be added the comparatively modern discovery that the pope, who styles himself the head and ruler of the whole world, is infallible—never makes a mistake; albeit that one pope contradicted another pope, and that in the fifteenth century there were three popes at the same time, who excommunicated each other with the utmostunction; but, of course, they were all infallible! If so, all three must be in a pretty warm place by this time.

And yet, because we poor Protestants hesitate to swallow this popish concoction of medieval theology, the Romish hierarchy charges us with being heretics and infidels.

Really, "their riverines" ought to be more charitable, for however anxious we might be to accommodate them, there is actually considerable natural difficulty in believing such propositions as these. I think that when I was a boy I could really believe that Jack the Giant Killer was a reality, and that Santa Claus did actually come down the chimney on Christmas eve; and now, if it would happily "their riverines," I do not know but I might consent to acknowledge that the moon is made of green cheese, and that "the man in the south burnt his mouth eating frozen porridge." But when it comes to believing that all heaven, including the Creator himself, has been put under the thumb of a pretending Italian on the banks of the Tiber, I draw the line.

That something effect is a magic touch! Hood's Sarsaparilla gently tones and strengthens the stomach and digestive organs, invigorates the liver, creates a natural, healthy desire for food, gives refreshing sleep, and in short, raises the health tone of the entire system. Remember

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pronounces the infant regenerated, and cleansed entirely from all the effects of the fall. And no matter how vile that child may be as he grows up, even till he becomes a Torquemada, or a Caesar Borgia, the papist must believe that he was regenerated and made perfectly stainless by the touch of the priest's fingers. A pretty stiff article for a rational man's creed!

On days of high mass the priest takes a little round cake of fine flour, called the wafer, and mumbles over it some Latin prayers, and then declares that it is changed into the very substance of the Redeemer; and when he holds it up aloft, he tells the people to bow down and worship it as a present god; and the Romanists must believe and obey.

When a man is convicted by conscience of a sin, the Romish creed tells him that he must go to a little box, get down on his knees and put his mouth to a small hole, on the other side of which is the ear of a listening priest, make a clean breast of it and pay the fee; whereupon the priest says, "Aboluit te," and in an instant he is as pure as an angel of light. If he chances to die with some sin unconfessed, then he is doomed to a purgatory of fire and brimstone: until his friends raise money enough to hire the priests to say a certain number of prayers, or masses, at which the soul rises out of the smoke of the pit and is received into paradise.

Rome seeks riches and piles up enormous properties; the Salvationists abjure all secular power and pelf. Romanism is an artfully contrived system by which to rule the masses and fleece them by the power of inveterate superstition. The Salvationists seek to enlighten the people and free their minds from error; and instead of fleeing them, General Booth has actually raised and expended three and a half millions of dollars to carry out a systematic plan for succoring the poor.

Rome snatches the Bible from the hands of the people, and seeks to bind over their conscience and intellect in slavish subjection to the hierarchy. The Salvation Army carry the Bible under their arms, and by it seek to make men free indeed, in the way Christ intended when he said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Wherever Rome prevails, there poverty abounds, saloons multiply, drunkenness increases, degradation, squalor, vice and crime exist and increase in appalling degrees. Where the Salvation Army prevails, the poor are benefited and helped, the saloons are diminished in number, vice and crime are abandoned for a life of christian purity and service, and some of the foul slime of the serpent is washed away from the linements of a suffering humanity.

If this be fanaticism, heaven send us more of it! And it will take a huge supply to clean up after Rome—for this is about all the Salvation Army has to do—clean up after Rome. The "submerged tenth" is its chosen field of effort; and everybody knows that three-quarters (or more) of the rum-selling, drunkenness, rioting, disorder and general worthlessness is found among the Romish population.

Go along the streets of this or any other city and read the signs over the doors of rum-holes and bagnios and low houses of resort, and you will be convinced; it is Donohue and O'Flarity, Sullivan and Hennessey, Kelly and McCarthy, Murphy and O'Leary, and so on to the end of the chapter—always "his name is Dennis!"

If there had been no Rome to manufacture slums, there would have been need of a Salvation Army to plunge down into them and try to rescue the perishing victims. General Booth has shown himself a hero, and posterity will do him honor. Archdeacon Farrar says of him: "The minister of a disesteemed congregation, with abundant success before him in the narrow grooves of religious conventionalty, faced beggary with his wife and little children rather than give up the work to which he felt called—that of preaching Christ's invitation in the highways and hedges of the world. His mission was to the neglected, to the wretched, to the destitute, to the residuum, 'the submerged tenth.' He went to the wretches without home and without hope, to street Arabs and gutter children, the waifs and strays of our horrible slums, to men and women ruined by drink and crime, living in dens as foul as the lairs of wild beasts, for whom there seemed to be no earthly prospect but the cell of the felon, the grave of the suicide, or the dreary misery of the workhouse. If one were to speak only of his religious mission, surely the plain, indisputable fact is such as to make every heart rejoice that multitudes all over the world have been called by this humble agency from ruin and degradation to purity and usefulness."

And yet this mouthpiece of the hierarchy asserts that Protestantism is "not a religion, but the negation of religion!" So, then, it seems that his idea of religion is not that which lifts up the people, but that which treats them down—a kind of mammoth sheepshears with which to take off the fleece from the bleating flock!

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left? This is precisely what happened in France before the revolution. Voltaire and his contemporaries tore the mask from the shams of Romanism, and pulverized its pretentious nonsense with biting sarcasm and merciless ridicule; and the whole French nation, in a spasm of disgust, renounced all religion at once, and the wave of unbelief rolled over the greater part of Europe. Protestantism is occasionally afflicted with an Igersoll, but it takes Romanism in full blast to make atheists by the nation, and infidels by the continent.

But Rome also tells us that Protestantism when not infidel is fanatical: "It disintegrates," says a member of the hierarchy, "into the two extremes of fanaticism and infidelity. To the former I relegate the Salvation Army." And yet the Salvation Army has fought its way into the recognition, approval, and even admiration, of the civilized world; and that, too, by the very contrasts which it exhibits as compared with Rome. The priests love fat livings; the Salvation Army officers, we are told, have salaries only one-twentieth as large as those paid to others doing the same amount of work, and often fail to get even these.

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T. L. Petta, leader of the faction opposing Rev. Father Barzinski, pastor of St. Hedwig's, says that three-quarters of a block of ground between Lubbeck and Frankfort streets, North Robey street and North Hoyle avenue has been purchased by the dissenters at a cost of \$50,000, and that plans for the new church are being prepared. It is the intention first to build school quarters for the children, and then complete the church proper. Petta asserts that the dissenters number 1,300 of the 1,400 congregation of St. Hedwig's.

Gratifying. It is gratifying to know that under the amended constitution of the State of New York the Roman Catholics will cease to draw support for their schools from the public-school funds. In the city of Syracuse they have heretofore been paid many thousands of dollars for the support of an orphan asylum and school. In compliance with the amended constitution the board of education has unanimously adopted a resolution which prevents all appropriations to this school until the appointment of teachers is open to persons who are not "sisters of charity."—Omaha Christian Advocate.

Special Master Commissioner's Sale. Under and by virtue of an order of sale on decree of foreclosure of mortgage issued out of the district court for Douglas county, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will, on the 2nd day of July, A. D. 1895, at one o'clock p. m. of said day, at the north front door of the county court house, in the city of Omaha, Nebraska, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said order of sale as follows, to-wit:

Lot one (1) in block eight (8) of lot seven (7), in Isaac and Selden's Addition to the city of Omaha, above described, the sum of two hundred and fifty-eight and 10/100 dollars (\$258.10), with interest thereon from February 4th, 1895, to the date of sale at the rate of ten per cent per annum from February 4th, 1895, together with the sum of twenty-five and 8/100 dollars (\$25.80), being the sum of said principal and interest, from the proceeds of sale of said undivided one-half (1/2) of lot seven (7), in block fifteen (15), in Isaac and Selden's Addition to the city of Omaha, above described, the sum of two hundred and fifty-eight and 10/100 dollars (\$258.10), with interest thereon from February 4th, 1895, to the date of sale at the rate of ten per cent per annum from February 4th, 1895, together with the sum of twenty-five and 8/100 dollars (\$25.80) attorney fees.

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Lot eleven (11) in block eighteen (18) of Bedford, an addition to the city of Omaha, as surveyed, platted and recorded, all in Douglas county, state of Nebraska; to be sold to satisfy Harry J. Twining, plaintiff herein, the sum of one hundred, sixty-eight and 08/100 (\$168.08) dollars judgment, with interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum from February 4th, 1895.

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Lot two (2) in block one (1) Myrtle Place, an addition to the city of Omaha, Douglas county, Nebraska; said property to be sold to satisfy P. L. Johnson, plaintiff herein, the sum of three hundred, fifty-seven and 73/100 dollars (\$357.73) judgment, with interest thereon at the rate of seven (7) per cent per annum from September 17th, 1894.

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Notice to Non-Resident Defendants.

To L. M. Smith, The C. Shuckley Co., Hulskamp Co., James Fenter and Charles Robinson, John T. Pirie, George Scott, Robert...

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Lot one (1) in block eight (8) of Walnut Hill, an addition to the city of Omaha, Douglas county, Nebraska; to be sold to satisfy The Walnut Hill Real Estate and Investment Company, the sum of one thousand, twenty-two and 77/100 dollars (\$1,022.77) with interest thereon at the rate of eight (8) per cent per annum from February 4th, 1895, together with the sum of twenty and 38/100 dollars (\$20.38), with interest thereon from the 4th day of February, 1895, together with accruing costs according to a judgment rendered by the district court of said Douglas county, at its February term, A. D. 1895, in a certain action there and there pending, wherein said company was plaintiff, and Joseph Rannic, et al. were defendants.

Notice to Non-Resident Defendants.

To Ernest S. Busch, Mrs. Busch, first name unknown, his wife, Frank E. Romankoff and Mrs. Romankoff, first name unknown, his wife, non-resident defendants.

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Lot number three (3) in block number sixteen (16) in Walnut Hill, an addition to the city of Omaha, as surveyed, platted and recorded, except the east three (3) feet thereof, sold to A. J. Whidder, together with all the appurtenances thereto, belonging and situated in Douglas county, state of Nebraska.

Notice to Non-Resident Defendants.

To Henry Lee, George C. Lee, Henry W. Higginson, James Jackson and Gardner W. Lane, doing business under the firm name and style of Lee, Higginson & Company, non-resident defendants.

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Under and by virtue of an order of sale on decree of foreclosure of mortgage issued out of the district court for Douglas county, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will, on the 19th day of June, A. D. 1895, at one o'clock p. m. of said day, at the north front door of the county court house, in the city of Omaha, Nebraska, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said order of sale as follows, to-wit:

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