

YOU ARE WELCOME.

And We Thank You in Return for Your Kind Words.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 10, 1896.—EDITOR THE AMERICAN: I received a copy of your true patriotic paper today, and I read therein a letter from D. W. Martin. I thank both you and Friend Martin for the very high compliment you have given me, and I assure you it gives me courage to fight openly Romanism. I have always contended that to be a true patriotic man one must shout his patriotism from the housetops. I have been called too bold in this city, but when one says a man can be too bold in the fight against the Romish hierarchy, he betrays the fact that he does not understand Romanism. To say that I have suffered at the hands of the Roman Catholics, would be a mild way of expressing myself; but, with all their boycotts and persecutions, I am still in the ring. I do not intend to abuse the poor, ignorant, deluded lay Roman Catholic, but I hate and despise the workings of the Romish hierarchy, and I make the announcement publicly that I hope God will take the life out of my very being if I ever cast my ballot to increase the power of the pope. And any man, woman or child who believes the pope to be the interpreter of all law is worse by far than were those who fought on the confederate side in the war of 1861-65. And the sooner the weak-kneed Protestants arouse themselves and extirpate Romanism from the soil of America, the sooner we shall be able to fully realize and appreciate the immense import of the doctrine of civil and religious liberty. We have people in this city who talk about the freedom of America, and yet they would run if they were asked to give three cheers for the American flag. I used to drop into the office of the Allied American and read your paper every week, but the A. A. has "gone up," and consequently I have not now access to THE AMERICAN, but for which I hope to be able to subscribe at no distant day.

I am to address the citizens of Cleveland in about two weeks. Subjects: "Why I Am an A. P. A." and "Who Are the Friends of the Workingmen?" I pray earnestly for your success, and thank you again for your compliment, and, hoping by our united efforts in this cause that we will be able to land over to our children this country in better condition than we found it, I remain yours fraternally, JOHN C. HARDENBERGH.

Rome and Civil Marriage.

A few days ago some of the daily papers furnished a rather sensational report of the death of Mr. Frank Ryan at the Southern Hotel, in which it was said that three Catholic priests had refused to "absolve him until he had repudiated his wife," to whom he had been married by a justice of the peace at the Springs. It must be remembered that a marriage performed by any one except a Romish priest is invalid, and that a civil marriage (that is, a marriage in accordance with the civil law), except where a priest performs the ceremony, is no marriage at all; therefore, children from such marriages are illegitimate. Reporters for different daily papers endeavored to learn the truth concerning Mr. Ryan's death, by interviewing members of the family. In these interviews it was denied that absolution of the dying man was conditioned upon his repudiation of his wife. We give below several paragraphs from the Western Watchman, which paper is owned and edited by Priest David S. Phelan, of this city: "If Frank Ryan had not repudiated that civil wife of his, he would have been buried like Peter Morrissey was. The church has not one law for the poor and another for the rich."

"That Catholic woman who consented to marry Frank Ryan before a 'squire down at Hot Springs should have all that the law allows her. She is a fool if she consents to any compromise of her claims. If she sold her soul to the devil, she should insist on payment in full."

"Frank Ryan, who died in this city on Monday last, was a very successful merchant, and amassed a large fortune. He was married twice, but died a widower."

"The late Frank Ryan had many friends among the clergy, but there was not a hand lifted to absolve him until he had repudiated his unlawful wife. Then every hand was raised and all lips moved with the words of pardon. When the sinner repents the heart of the true priest goes out to him with all the love of a father."

and institutions, with the Romanist canon law superior to the civil law.—St. Louis True American.

Got His Scalp.

The members of the A. P. A. in Washington are in a frenzy of joy over their latest triumph. They claim to have knocked Judge Thomas A. Moran, of Chicago, out of the attorney generalship because he was foreign-born and a Catholic. The A. P. A. numbers 14,000 in this city, and they are an aggressive lot. When they heard that Judge Moran was being considered for the place they brought every possible influence to bear upon the president to induce him to turn down the eminent Chicago jurist. The claim is made by A. P. A. claquers that President Cleveland is himself very favorably disposed to the doctrine of the order, and that he pays quick attention to protests from Protective quarters. In support of the claim that President Cleveland is in sympathy with the A. P. A. they point to the fact that he has never had a Catholic close to him, with the possible single exception of Colonel A. A. Wilson, marshal of the District of Columbia, who, by the way, would never be suspected of being a devotee to Catholicism. They holistically assert that they "did up" Judge Moran for the sole and only reason that he is a Catholic, and that they made the fight against him squarely and fairly on that issue.

The information is further volunteered by the claques that the A. P. A. already controls 104 votes in the next house of representatives and 20 in the senate, and that an effort will be made to place further restrictions on the immigration of foreigners.

The regulations in this particular have been tightening for several years, and an additional clench will be given next winter, unless A. P. A. plans miscarry. Membership in the order is said to be growing, especially in the south, Louisville being regarded as the very hotbed of the idea.—Washington Dispatch in Chicago Evening Post.

An Anti-A. P. A. Mass-Meeting.

A mass-meeting was held on Thursday evening of last week, at the Tabernacle in Kansas City, Kan., to protest against the action of the board of education of that city in refusing to reappoint five of the old teachers because they were Roman Catholics. The call for the meeting was signed by a number of Protestants, and the meeting is alleged to have been non-political and non-sectarian. Porter Sherman, late non-partisan candidate for mayor; C. F. Hutchings, John B. Scroggs, James F. Getty, Nathan Cree, and other prominent citizens were among the speakers. The rejection of the names of the five Roman Catholic teachers, by a vote of 3 to 3, in the meeting of the board of education of June 11th, has caused no end of gossip in Kansas City, Kan., and has resulted in a renewal of the religious troubles between the A. P. A. and the Roman Catholics.

May Appeal to the Queen.

WINNIPEG, Man., June 9.—Manitoba ministers and members of the legislature are already gathering for the meeting of the legislature on Thursday, when the school question will again come up for consideration. Archbishop Langevin returned from the east yesterday. He says the Catholics are determined to press for their school rights, and that if the legislature refuse them he will personally appeal the case to her majesty Queen Victoria.

Cloriformed.

Where? In some bawdy house? No; the New York World says at a convent in Naples. Who by? Some town tough? No; by the elderly fathers and abbess. And yet Ireland says, in the face of these things: "We are not afraid of the A. P. As." And the church says: "We are semper eadem (always the same); we must have America, have our convents, with her past and present evil associations; we must run or ruin, kill and kidnap the A. P. A. who dares to open his head against us."

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HE FORBIDS THE SERVICES.

Superintendent of the St. Louis House of Refuge Bars Roman Priests.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 14.—For nearly a quarter of a century some priest connected with the Franciscan monastery, located near the House of Refuge, has celebrated mass at the latter institution each Sunday, for the spiritual welfare of the Roman Catholic inmates. Mayor Walbridge recently appointed Josiah Bristol as superintendent of the House of Refuge, and he ordered the discontinuance of the Roman Catholic services. Supt. Bristol claims that the celebration of mass is demoralizing, especially to children, and emphatically declares that neither altar, confessional nor sacrament shall be permitted inside the walls of the House of Refuge while he is in charge of that institution. The matter has been referred to Archbishop Kaib, and it is probable that he will ask Mayor Walbridge to take such action as will permit the Roman Catholic inmates to receive spiritual consolation.

The Roman Catholic element of the city is greatly exercised over the matter, and many freely criticize Mayor Walbridge for his pronounced partiality toward the A. P. A. in making up his list of appointments.

A few days ago Judge Peabody, one of Mayor Walbridge's appointees, was presented in open court with a stand of colors, after an exchange of addresses of the most rabid character, by members of the A. P. A. Similar proceedings have occurred in other departments of the municipal government, and have created ill-feeling between Roman Catholic and non-Roman Catholic citizens.

To-night the municipal council was asked to investigate the alleged action of Supt. Bristol. In the mean time Mayor Walbridge has left for the seashore on three weeks' vacation, and serious trouble is threatened before his return.

HOT SPRINGS, S. D.

If indications count for anything, the Hot Springs of South Dakota are destined to become the most popular resort between Chicago and the Pacific Coast. They are situated in the gentle and beautiful canon of Fall River, and are the center of a splendidly built little city of three thousand permanent inhabitants. The efficacy of their waters for rheumatism, dyspepsia, and, in fact, almost every chronic disorder of the system, is too well known to require statement. It is testified to by the annual arrival of thousands of invalids, and the departure of these same persons, after a few weeks, in much improved or wholly restored health. The Springs are surrounded by many objects of surpassing natural interest, as Wind Cave, equal in extent to the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky, and far more wonderful in formation, filled with striking beauties and strange fantasies of structure. Not far away are the romantic Cascades, and near by are extinct craters of geysers—standing up like holes that had been built rather than excavated, and by their puzzling appearance meriting the name they have received, "The Devil's Chimneys." This is but a beginning of the list of attractions in the vicinity, to fairly see which would entrancingly occupy a month.

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