MUST HAVE REFORM.

The A. P. A. a Dangerous Organization to Oppose in that Direction.

EDITOR THE AMERICAN: A corrupt general government implies a corrupt political party; a corrupt political party implies politically corrupt individual voters that compose the parties, and the politically corrupt voters denote the utter abandonment of all moral principles in parties, which is about the condition of political affairs in this country to-day. A reform in the goverament implies a reform in the individual voters by taking back the surrendered moral element which should control them in all their political action. Every attempt to reform individopposition from various sources, resulting in greatly checking the full develing them altogether.

orease their own party influence and to they may have partially succeeded, but now the entrance door to the order is very effectually guarded against all such intruders, so that the order will past from that source. Many of the politicians who have so rashly denounced the A. P. A., and also those who have turned traitors to the patriotic cause who had political aspirations, have already found to their sorrow, on election day, that they had not been wise in opposing the order, and that they could not do it with impunity as they had opposed other branches of reform, for in this case they were left.

Roman Catholic vote, but knowing that must obey. the passey is hostile to our free institutions and is seeking their destruction, and well knowing the position and strength of the A. P. A., they hardly with the American state. This is, of know what to do, but they will probably work and vote with the papal crowd and risk the result; but we can assure ing toleration, of all forms of Christian them that they are marked men, and will be duly remembered in coming He acknowledges that his church is

It is believed that, as our politics bas become so corrupt, from the individual vote to the highest official of the government, no one party or organization can carry all branches of reform to completion at the same time, however pure its principles; therefore the A. P. A. has its set of patriotic principles as published to the world, the main issue of which is that this country ought and shall be controlled in its polities by patriotic American principles in the United States "if, in addition to and not by the Pope of Rome. Hence, liberty, it enjoyed the favor of the laws around these patriotic principles of government will the A. P. A. unitedly cluster, will concentrate its literature, The church, according to its occumenigather in the voters, put forth its full political strength, and prepare for the besides the "patronage of public aupresid-ntial election in '96, whether the thority," which can only mean authornoble order shall remain as it is now or ity to exist to the exclusion of nonshall blossom out into a full-fiedged po- Catholic churches, with support from litical party. At any rate, it will con- the public treasury. Some critics of tinue to fight on the same line of patri- the encyclical have averred that this otic principles until the [1, ' is reached, | is a mere "academic proposition"; but the political power of the papacy broken the papacy is not in the habit of playand the country saved; and then will ing with academic propositions. Under the nation be ready to grapple with the soft velvet touch of Leo XIII there other political reforms so absolutely is the same iron grip as of old. necessary to a pure American govern-J. G. P.

The Recent Encyclical of Leo XIII. IX. Pius declared war against modern that one shall not pry into the councils withdrawn from the authority of the American people.-Harper's Weekly. pope"; "the church is not to be separated from the state"; "kings and princes are not excluded from the jurisdiction of the church"; "the entire LONDON, Sept. 4.-In the debate in direction of public schools must not be the house of lords to-day on the second been withdrawn from view. Still, hoped that the bill would be rejected. 1615 Howard Street,

intended for the people of the United tion at issue, he said, was on continuing States. Nothing can be better than in operation an act which otherwise the warnings against the "licentious would expire with the lapse of time. ness of divorce," as it obtains in some The bili passed its third reading. parts of our country. "Divorce," says Leo, "is the fruitful cause of mutable marriage contracts, is injurious to the up domestic society, degrades the dignoble and praiseworthy passion for knowledge, Catholics ought to be not followers, but leaders." This is well ual voters has been met with violent said; but apparently there is a discrepand that of his predecessor. - Science, But the American Protective Asso- ing of philosophy, in which we underciation is an organization which cannot stand to be included all attempts of the be fooled with and which is found to be mind to explain to itself the phenomena of some of the local newspapers. very hazardous to oppose. None out of the universe, the syllabus of 1864 side of the order can know much about tells us that "the church must not only it only by its published principles and sometimes proceed against philosophy, the developments of its work. Those but she must not tolerate the errors of results have been so marked in many philosophy itself, and must not leave it places that some of its enemies have to correct itself." The metaphysics of sought membership in the order to ex- science are [is] a part of science, and pose its ritual, its plans of work, to in- plainly come[s] under this prohibition.

Very striking is that passage which wreck the order, which in some cases is devoted to the American press. It is well known that the [Roman Catholie] Church in this country has taken pains to train men for journalism, and to secure for them important positions not suffer in the future as it has in the in the administration of secular papers. "Every effort," Leo XIII tells his people, "should be made to increase the number of intelligent and well-disposed writers who take religion for their guide. They must, however, carry on the conflict on behalf of the church with perfect unanimity, and must be obedient to the bishops. The bishops, placed in the lofty position of authority, are to be obeyed. This reverence, which it is lawful for no one to neglect, Many politicians of the old parties, should, of necessity, be eminently conknowing that they cannot use the A. spicuous in Catholic journalists." Much P. A. to further their party interests, of this appeals to journalists engaged do most bitterly hate it, but at the upon papers or reviews avowedly Rosame time, knowing the power of the man Catholic, but it applies to all order in politics, they do not dave to Catholic journalists, wherever engaged. openly oppose it, and so they keep mum And the principle of authority is to Another class of politicans are now in rule in philosophy, in science, in letdeep trouble, and should be pitled for ters, in journalism. You may philosotheir folly. They have often been in phize, but you must obey; you may consultation with the political papal make discoveries in the realm of nabaders, and have expected to be romi- ture, but you must obey; you may try nated and elected to office by the united to sway public opinion, but still you

> The pope, with a candor for which all must thank him, does not conceal his desire for a union of his church course, an exclusive union, and implies the suppression, or, at best, the grudgfaith deemed by Catholics heretical. "unopposed by the Constitution, protected from violence by the laws ar impartial tribunals, and is free to live and act without hindrance." But this is not for it a desirable condition, and it would be a mistake to suppose that 'it would be universally lawful and expedient for state and church to be, as in America, dissevered and divided." But Leo XIII goes further. In his opinion "the [Roman Catholic] Church would bring forth more abundant fruit" and the patronage of the public authority." Liberty, then, is not enough. cal head, claims more. It should have

Great care is taken to commend the appointment of an apostolic legate to the favor of the bishops. The pope How much papal infallibility stands dissensions in the Catholic episcopate for is not for others than Catholic theo- of the United States. He tells the logians to determine, but it is certain bishops that this appointment will that L e XIII i a pope of very differ- "bring it to pass that one shall not iment temper from his predecessor, Pius pede another in matters of government, civilization; Leo, during his pontificate, and conduct of any other, and that, has labored to reconcile the church and with disagreement eradicated," they modern society with one another. The may work together. The feud among syllabus of 1864 remains, and must re- the bishops has become matter of pubmain, the exposition of the principles lie knowledge. If this conflict between upon which the Latin church is to be conservatism and progress has broken in the future administered. These are out, it will not rest till the Roman such as, "the church has the power Catholic Church has learned to conto use external force"; "no national form itself to the spirit of American

Harsh Words.

followed the form into which they have appeared to him to be one for the relief been cast by the Jesuit Schrader, an of evicted tenants, who, he said, were accepted authority. Under Leo XIII the scum of their class, and who amused whatever in former papal declarations themselves by cutting off the hair of is offensive to the modern mind has women and shooting old men. He

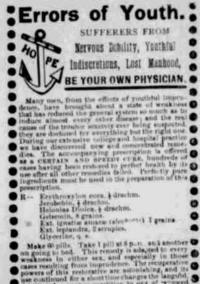
under all changes of form, the papacy Baron Halsbury expressed regret that such language should have been em-The latest encyclical of Leo XIII is ployed in this debate. The only ques-

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