

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.

But the American Protective Association is an organization which cannot be fooled with and which is found to be very hazardous to oppose. None outside of the order can know much about it only by its published principles and the developments of its work.

Many politicians of the old parties, knowing that they cannot use the A. P. A. to further their party interests, do most bitterly hate it, but at the same time, knowing the power of the order in politics, they do not dare to openly oppose it, and so they keep mum.

It is believed that, as our politics has 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 politics by patriotic American principles and not by the Pope of Rome.

The Recent Encyclical of Leo XIII.

How much papal infallibility stands for is not for others than Catholic theologians to determine, but it is certain that Leo XIII is a pope of very different temper from his predecessor, Pius IX. Pius declared war against modern civilization; Leo, during his pontificate, has labored to reconcile the church and modern society with one another.

under all changes of form, the papacy is the same.

The latest encyclical of Leo XIII is intended for the people of the United States. Nothing can be better than the warnings against the "licentiousness of divorce," as it obtains in some parts of our country.

Very striking is that passage which is devoted to the American press. It is well known that the [Roman Catholic] Church in this country has taken pains to train men for journalism, and to secure for them important positions in the administration of secular papers.

The pope, with a candor for which all must thank him, does not conceal his desire for a union of his church with the American state. This is, of course, an exclusive union, and implies the suppression, or, at best, the grudging toleration, of all forms of Christian faith deemed by Catholics heretical.

Great care is taken to commend the appointment of an apostolic legate to the favor of the bishops. The pope does not conceal the fact that there are dissensions in the Catholic episcopate of the United States.

Harsh Words.

LONDON, Sept. 4.—In the debate in the house of lords to-day on the second reading of the Irish land purchase bill, Viscount Clifden said that the measure appeared to him to be one for the relief of evicted tenants, who, he said, were the scum of their class, and who amused themselves by cutting off the hair of women and shooting old men.

Baron Halsbury expressed regret that such language should have been employed in this debate. The only question at issue, he said, was on continuing in operation an act which otherwise would expire with the lapse of time.

Red School House Day.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—A feature of the Labor Day parade in Washington was a school-house mounted on wheels. It contained a teacher and a lot of scholars. It was everywhere greeted with cheers.

Want a Little for Brenan.

The Illinois Charitable Relief Corps has adopted resolutions presented by W. H. Condon requesting the pope to confer the title of count on Thomas Brenan. Recently this title was conferred on William J. Oshahan and Charles W. Mair.

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