

BEER FOR THE SISTERS.

Queer State of Affairs in a Washington Romanist Retreat.

In the Washington Post Congressman Morse, of Massachusetts, asks for an explanation in the following letter:

MR. EDITOR.—I desire to call attention to the following extracts from the annual report of the Little Sisters of the Poor (a religious institution of this city) to the superintendent of charities of the District of Columbia, dated August 21, 1895, page 310 of the superintendent's report to congress. The report says:

"The daily money collection is mainly to defray expenses, viz.: Insurance, fuel, gas, medical supplies, beer and liquor, groceries, meat, ice, etc., and for general repairs (done by outside mechanics).

"Our approximate expenditures yearly are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Beer and Liquor (\$1,200), Coal (1,000), Groceries (1,000), Butcher's bills (500), Medical supplies (300), Undertaker's bills (300), Miscellaneous (600), Total \$4,900.

Moneys received from the United States through congress, \$42,500; From the District of Columbia, 12,500; From amount received I understand during the existence of this charity from the public treasury, \$5,000.

Total number of inmates on July 1, 1894, 200; Total number of inmates on July 1, 1895, 197. It will be observed that the item of \$1,200 for beer and liquor is separate from the item for medical supplies. It will also be observed that it is \$200 larger than the grocery bill and coal bill, and \$700 larger than the butcher's bill, and is \$6 per year for rum for each inmate. In addition to the appropriation of public money for this sectarian institution large money is solicited, as they admit in their report, from the charitable people of the city, weekly and monthly, for this charity.

Strong drink is the fruitful source of pauperism, crime and want. Undoubtedly many of the inmates of this, as of other charitable institutions, are brought there by strong drink, and it should be the office of those institutions to reform their unfortunate inmates who are addicted to drink, instead of perpetuating the appetite and sending them out the same or worse than when they entered. Of course there may be some mistake, or some explanation, though it is difficult to see what it can be, and I submit that such an explanation, if one is possible, of this item for drink is due from this institution to congress and the charitable people of this district. ELIJAH A. MORSE, M. C. 12th Dist. of Massachusetts, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14, 1894.

Floating in a Sea of Blood.

Here is a terrible record which a contemporary credits to papal tyranny. It is by way of reply to the late encyclical letter of Pope Leo XIII to the Anglican churches. It breathes the spirit of love, conciliation and peace, and invites all Christians to repose in the tender, loving bosom of the "Mother Church," all of which sounds nice, but what does history say? Having been perverted from its better aim, the Roman Catholic church became the foe of liberty, the most intolerant instrument of oppression, and has sought by alliance with civil authority to establish an ecclesiastical despotism over the whole earth. From the world's authentic history here are some of the reeking records of its monstrous march over the earth and over the rights of others to life and liberty: Its pagan hierarchy conspired and paid a hireling the blood-money that betrayed Christ; it led St. Peter from its own Roman prison to the top of its own Vatican mount, where it cruelly put him to death, and claims, with sordid bigotry, to be the apostolic successor and representative of the very beings it most brutally killed.

Table with 2 columns: Event and Number of Victims. Includes Killed under Pope Julian (200,000), By the French massacre (100,000), By wars on the Waldenses (150,000), By wars on the Albigenses (150,000), By Jesuit mobs and tortures (900,000), By the Duke of Alva's orders (136,000), By tortures of the Inquisition (150,000), By the Irish massacre (150,000), By the wars on the Moors of Spain (1,500,000), By wars on Jews in Europe (1,100,000), In Mexico, S. A., and Cuba (15,000,000), Under bloody Queen Mary (23,000), In E. Indies, Europe and Am. (50,000,000).

Total loss of human lives, as found in authentic history, by papal tyranny, 70,559,000.

Here are millions more than all of the inhabitants of the United States slain through the selfish ambition of this controlling hierarchy. Why not believe and let believe? Why not permit each in perfect kindness to be fully persuaded in his own mind? And there are thousands of little children slain or starved, as unwanted kittens and pups are cast into jungles and ponds, and thousands of others, desired for the propagation of this tyrannous power, forced into soul-cramping convents, some from the homes of their living, others of recently killed, parents. Can you wonder that men protest against this? Aye, even at infidelity, when this so-called Mother

Church, claiming infallibility, and claiming the only power and terms of salvation, has set before the world this undeniable historic record?—American Leader.

From Rom in Catholic.

In the course of a speech made in Baltimore on Thanksgiving Day by "Father" Stafford, the occasion being the raising of the Stars and Stripes over a Catholic parochial school, he took occasion to give full recognition to the principle of separation between church and state. He said:

"When the Roman empire fell and Europe had to be reorganized, church and state became more or less mixed, and the clergy, being almost the only people with any knowledge, were, from the necessity of the case, forced into civil life. It was never intended that the clergy should take charge of the affairs of state. The Divine Founder of Christianity made church and state separate.

"And when this country began, we turned to the first principles. We decided that the one was to be supreme in the civil order, the other supreme in the spiritual order. The state with us has no religion, recognizes no church, cannot recognize any church, ought not to recognize any church, but is obliged to recognize that religious liberty is involved in the rights of a man as a citizen, and must protect him in the exercise of it.

"Whoever, then, impugns this privilege and denies the right of anybody or any church to their faith; whoever opposes a man in civil or business life because of his religious beliefs; whoever takes from such a man the means whereby he may earn his living; whoever refuses to support him politically or otherwise—whoever does these things, I say, is not an American, but a foreigner. He steals the livery of heaven to do the work of the devil; he wraps himself in the flag of liberty to establish a despotism; he proclaims religious liberty in order to stab his brother because he does not believe as he does; he has introduced into our civilization the very worst forms of religious hate and devilish animosity as they were found in the old world."

This is far from being "good" Catholic doctrine, but it is not for us to say that it does not represent the real sentiments of the speaker. The Sentinel judges no man; it condemns no man; it wishes to accord to all men, Catholic or Protestant, full liberty to the most favorable construction that can be placed upon their motives. It deals with principles, and is glad to see any recognition of just principles, wherever made. And it deprecates the fact that the "Protestantism" of to-day has so few representatives who are willing to avow themselves as plainly as does this Catholic priest in favor of the separation of the state from religion.—American Sentinel.

Ex-President Harrison's Sentiments.

The following utterances are from an article by ex-President Harrison, in the Ladies' Home Journal: "So the impulse of patriotism needs to be instructed, guided—brought to the wheel—if it is to do the everyday work of American politics. Sentiment? Yes, never too much; but with it and out of it a faithful discharge of the proxy routine of a citizen's duty. A readiness to go to the field? Yes, and equally to the primaries and to the polls. \* \* \* We were alert to foreign foes—the drum-tap arouses the heaviest sleepers. But we are a dull people as to internal assaults upon the integrity and purity of public administration.

"The old-time Fourth of July celebration, with its simple parades and musters, the reading of the Declaration and the oration, that more than supplied the lack of glitter and color in the parade—once the event of the year—went out of fashion. \* \* \* It is coming back, and we ought to aid in reinstating it. The good old Declaration has a pulse in it and a ring to it that does the soul good. Has your boy ever read it? Have you—all of it? I would like our census-takers to be required to get an answer to that question.

"Do not be ashamed to love the flag or to confess your love of it. Make much of it; tell its history; sing of it. It now floats over our schools, and it ought to hang from the windows of all our homes on all public days. Every man should uncover when the flag is borne by in the parade, and every one should rise when a national air is given at a concert or public meeting."

The above sounds well, but so long as Mr. Harrison consorts with Pat Egan, R. C. Kerens and Steve Elkins, but little stock will be taken in his professed sentiments.—Boston Citizen.

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Beginning at a point one hundred and twenty (120) feet south and thirty-two (32) feet east of the north-west corner of lot four (4) in block seven (7) of Kirkwood addition to the city of Omaha, Nebraska, running thence east parallel with the south line of said lot four (4) thirty-two (32) feet, thence north parallel with the east line of said lot four (4) one hundred and twenty (120) feet, thence west along the north line of said lot four (4) thirty-two (32) feet, thence south to place of beginning.

Said property to be sold to satisfy the plaintiffs herein the sum of eighteen hundred fifty and 50-100 dollars (\$1,850.00), together with ten per cent interest thereon from September 23rd, 1895.

To satisfy the costs of this action the sum of \$41.75, together with accruing costs according to a judgment rendered by the district court of said Douglas county, at its September term, A. D. 1895, in a certain action then and there pending wherein Frank Thompson et al. were plaintiffs, and Lew Pixley et al. were defendants. Dated at Omaha, Nebraska, December 27, A. D. 1895. HENRY W. PENNOCK, Special Master Commissioner. Dec. 27, No. 317.

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