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MURRAY'S LECTURE.

A Crowded House Listened to the Address.

Mr. Murray Defends the Little Red School House in a Manner that Elicited Praise From all Sides.

In accordance with announcements Rev. O. E. Murray, of Chicago, lectured at the city hall in Aurora under the auspices of Council 49 of the American Protective Association, on the patriotic subject of "The Little Red School House."

Before eight o'clock every seat in the hall was taken as well as nearly the entire standing room, the audience being composed of many of the best people of the city, who listened attentively to every word said.

Rev. N. A. Prentiss, formerly a resident of Aurora, but now of Chicago, was the presiding officer, and the meeting was opened with a fervent prayer by Elder E. W. Shepard, pastor of the Advent Christian church, who is one of the most able advocates of the cause of Americanism—based upon the Holy Scriptures—in this part of the state. He deals in the question from a purely Christian standpoint in a manner that no one can help but feel the weight of his arguments.

Seated upon the platform beside the speaker were Revs. E. B. Crawford,

O. F. Mattison, Thomas Galt and Shephard.

Introducing Mr. Murray the chairman did so in a few brief, well chosen words, showing his special fitness to preside at a meeting of this character.

We regret we are unable to give the address in full, but enough can be gathered from the synopsis to give a fair idea of the address.

In substance Dr. Murray said: A fire has been blazing throughout America for the past few years as never before about this school question. It would seem strange indeed after all the benevolent results of the school system in America, after all the millions of people have been trained, and after all the united force to pay and aid this country for a school system—a system that stands the highest of any in the world, and is like no other in the world—that anyone should be called to a public platform to defend this honored institution, yet we are forced to aid in the defense of American education.

Our forefathers planted the school upon good old Massachusetts soil in a most blessed age—that century marked by the birth of Queen Elizabeth and closed by the death of Cromwell. The old pilgrims planted the first common school. The world had never seen its like before. There were no common schools in any other land back of the one first planted by the Pilgrims. How gladly when I came to this country a few years ago a poor emigrant boy did I seek shelter under that little school house. I had been taught the catechism until I was almost "catechised" to death.

I do not stand here to criticize any church; I am not here to argue against any sect. I am here simply because the school system of America has been assailed. I stand here because for forty years one certain class has attempted to make inroads on our common school system.

The speaker made the fact plain that in no other country did Roman Catholics hold office and places of influence as they do in America, all due to our splendid educational facilities, fostered and protected under the Stars and Stripes.

He gave every-day facts and historical truths showing the way affairs were being run by or in the interest of Rome, and the Blade has heard from several Catholic brothers who attended the lecture that substantiate many statements made by the speaker—Catholic people who are intelligent enough and broad enough in their views to see the advantages given in the common schools of America over the parochial schools—were true.

Where can you find men in all Ireland holding office as they do in Boston, New York and Chicago?

We are getting tired of a church representing about one-fifth of the people carrying-off nine-tenths of the offices.

They do not do this in their own country. It has been because our common school has been the vehicle to lift them up, and they will be ungrateful indeed if they turn around to curse that which has made them. In no country where Roman Catholicism is dominant can they show as splendid results as here. So that when I ask for protection for that little red school house I do it not only for the Protestant, not only for that flag which I love, but because I believe it to be for the best interests of those who are under the control of the Roman church. We are tired of packed school boards. We are tired of this tirade and slander against our schools, this cursing of our friends who are teachers, and the children who are scholars in these schools.

The time was when it meant something to be an American and now an American is ashamed and afraid to tell it, especially if he wants to be a policeman.

In this connection Mr. Murray made one of his happy hits: Instead of spoiling so much corn to make whisky it should be made into starch, it should be used to stiffen the back-bone of "weak-kneed" Protestants, who run their business on a policy basis regardless of principle.

I would rub it on the American store-keeper that is ashamed to have any connection with the things that are American. I would find out a man that was not ashamed and I would go trade with him, and then I would rub it on every voter just before election day.

Among authorities quoted none were more to the point than the words of Victor Hugo, who spurned the papal yoke in the following terse terms:

"Ah, we know you! We know the clerical party! It is an old party. This it is which has found for the truth those two marvellous supporters, ignorance and error. This it is which forbids to science and genius the going beyond the Missal and which wishes to cloister through the dogmas. Every step which the intelligence of Europe has taken has been in spite of it. Its history is written on the back of the leaf. It is opposed to it all. This it is which caused Prinelli to be scourged for having said that the stars would not fall. This it is which put Campanella seven times to torture for saying that the number of worlds was infinite and for having caught a glimpse at the secret of creation. This it is

which persecuted Harvey for having proved the circulation of the blood. In the name of Jesus it shut up Galileo.

In the name of St. Paul it imprisoned Christopher Columbus. To discover a law of the heavens was an impiety, to find a world was a heresy. This it is which anathematized Pascal in the name of religion, Montaigne in the name of morality, Moliere in the name of both morality and religion. For a long time the human conscience has revolted against you and now demands of you, 'What is it that you wish of me?' For a long time already you have tried to put a gag upon the human intellect; you wish to be the masters of education, and there is not a poet; not an author, not a thinker, not a philosopher that you accept. All that has been written, found, dreamed, deduced, inspired, imagined, invented by genius, the treasure of civilization, the venerable inheritance of generations, the common patrimony of knowledge, you reject. There is a book—a book which is from one end to the other an emanation from above; a book which is for the whole world what the Koran is for Islamism; what the Vadas are for India—a book which contains all human wisdom illuminated by all divine wisdom—a book which the veneration of the people call 'The Bible,—the Bible! Well, your censure has reached even that—unheard of thing! Popes have proscribed the Bible. How astonishing to wise spirits, how overpowering to simple hearts to see the finger of Rome placed upon the book of God! And you claim the liberty of teaching. Stop; be sincere; let us understand the liberty which you claim.

"You wish us to give you the people to instruct. Very well. Let us see your pupils. Let us see those you have produced. What have you done for Italy? What have you done for Spain? For centuries you have kept in your hands, at your discretion, at your school, these two great nations, illustrious among the illustrious. What have you done for them? I shall tell you. Thanks to you, Italy, whose name no man who thinks can any longer pronounce without inexpressible filial emotions—Italy, mother of genius and of nations, which have spread over all the universe all the most brilliant marvels of poetry and the arts, Italy—which has taught mankind to read—now knows not how to read! Yes, Italy is, of all the states of Europe, that where the smallest number know how to read. Spain, magnificently endowed Spain, which received from the Romans her first civilization; from the Arabs her second civilization; from providence and in spite of you, a world, America—Spain, thanks to you, a yoke

of stupor, which is a yoke of degradation and decay; Spain has lost this secret power which it had from the Romans; this genius of art which it had from the Arabs; this world which it had from God, and in exchange for all that you have made it lose, it has received from you—the Inquisition! The Inquisition, which certain men of the party try to-day to re-establish; which has burned on the funeral pile millions of men; the Inquisition, which disinterred the dead to burn them as heretics; which declared the children of heretics infamous and incapable of any public honors, excepting only those who shall have denounced their fathers; the Inquisition, which, while I speak, still holds in the papal library the manuscripts of Galileo sealed under the papal signet. These are your masterpieces. This fire which we call Italy you have extinguished. This Colossus that we call Spain you have undermined—the one in ashes the other in ruins. This is what you have done for two great nations. What do you wish to do for France? Stop! You have just come from Rome! I congratulate you; you have had fine success there. You come from gagging the Roman people, and now you wish to gag the French people, I understand. This attempt is still more fine, but take care, it is dangerous. France is a lion, and is still alive."

He paid the Baptist people a high compliment in being the first to lead in this fight against Romanism, and although himself a Methodist, his church did not seem to fully comprehend the question—but it was learning. He said if the Methodist or any other Protestant church was trying to control the school system of America, he would be in duty bound to oppose that denomination as he was opposing the Roman church.

"The school children of to-day are soon to be the voters of America, and how carefully we should be of what they are taught in this little school house—which stand for truth," said the speaker. "If Rome cannot teach enough religion in Sunday school, church and at home, she had better go out of church business. She has pretty nearly done so now, she is so badly wrapped up in politics trying to select policemen and to fill about all the other offices of the country."

This is a national issue and must be settled by the ballot.

The lecturer was interrupted with fervent applause, and almost everyone expressed him or herself greatly benefited by the facts so forcibly presented to them. Council 49 certainly has cause to feel proud of the enthusiastic gathering upon this occasion. It will

likely ask Mr. Murray to visit Aurora again in a short time.—Aurora Blade.

Rev. O. E. Murray lectured at the city hall Friday evening on "The Little Red School House" before an immense audience. It was a stirring speech and the hearers were enthusiastic. Mr. Murray is a fluent speaker and will always attract large crowds. Limited space prevents a more elaborate account of the lecture. Mr. Murray is humorous and unusually keen and kept the vast audience laughing.—Journal.

Thanks to the agitation, the city hall was filled to overflowing last night, to hear the Rev. Murray Lecture on "The Little Red School House." He is a good talker and worked up great enthusiasm. The value of the public schools and their superiority over parochial schools was his theme.—Express.

The city hall was packed full of people Friday evening, who had come out to listen to the lecture by Rev. O. E. Murray, on "The Little Red School House." He first sang about it, and finally, after a generous collection had been taken, talked about it for nearly two hours. He noted that the public school was founded away back in the time of the Pilgrims, and that it had grown to be the backbone of the country. He reviewed its history and that of the forces opposing it; showed the undesirability and the un-American aspect of the parochial schools, and made a plea for the American people to stand solidly by the institutions of their creation, and allow no foreign power to either control them or dictate regarding them.—Beacon.

Rev. Murray is the author of the "Black Pope" and of the "Singing Patriot" which we advertise in another column.—Editor.

Papal Liberty.

For the land of the free, for the land of the free, I'm always for liberty—"so mote it be." Sing it, Satolli, sing it for me, sing it for me—

The pope is for liberty—"so mote it be." The people may tell you I'm a snake in a tree;

But sing it over—for the Catholics, see—And the people, they may, though as dumb as they be. Sing to them: "Come, now, for I'm waiting for thee.

I will show you how sweet is this dear liberty, As you sit at my footstool—your dear Pecci—

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