

ELIZABETH WILSON ELECTED.

Is Again Chosen President of the Women's A. P. A. of Illinois.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 21.—The Illinois Women's American Protective Association convention ended today. The session has been a stormy one. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Elizabeth F. Wilson, Peoria, re-elected; first vice-president, Mrs. Grace Pugh, Galesburg; second vice president, Mrs. M. E. Steadman, Chicago; treasurer, Mrs. Mollie Nickle, East St. Louis; secretary, Mrs. Hattie Stillwell, Bloomington; executive board, Mrs. M. E. Bartholomew, Elwood, Peoria county, chairman; Mrs. A. B. Case, and Mrs. Gertrude Duley, Chicago; Mrs. W. Y. Francis, Peoria; Mrs. A. Jones, Bloomington; secretary of state, Mrs. C. C. Crow, Chicago; chaplain, Mrs. Eliza Dillon, Chicago. Mrs. Albright, of Chicago, was chosen delegate to the supreme convention, which meets at Washington, D. C., in September.

Keep Up the Divine Side.

"And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse and against his army." Rev. 19:19. See verses 11-14, which will tell you who sat on the "white horse."

It is not our purpose to burden your columns with extended remarks on this Scripture, but will say a few words to help keep up the divine side in politics. But we do not mean by this that civil government should meddle with affairs that lie wholly within the sphere of religion. We believe in entire separation of church and state, but that does not mean that a nation should manage its affairs without the authority and law of God. God is king of nations as well as king of saints. Civil government constructed on the basis of political atheism would soon go to pieces. Civil government is a divine institution and should be administered according to the divine law pertaining to civil society as such, but that does not make the state a religious corporation or allow the pope and prelates to put their nose into politics and dictate to the civil magistrate and intimidate him with threats if he does not acknowledge the supremacy of the papal power over the state and do what the church demands. "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." A rightly constituted church and state are not rivals or opponents, but always in harmony but not united. Each has its legitimate sphere of duty, and do not interfere with each other. Civil government is designed to secure to all men their rights and not to take away their rights. The original condition of all men is that of freedom, civil and religious, and the moral governor of the nations says to tyrants: "Hands off." And to do justice to all, the state should faithfully administer the laws of God which define the rights of man and the duties of the civil magistrate.

The civil power should recognize the law of God in all matters that pertain to the state. But the civil magistrate is not a dictator in religion, with power to make creeds, nor is the ecclesiastical power higher than the state and may command magistrates to enforce religion by the sword. The worst despotism on earth is where the church and state are united, with the pope at the head, spruces his subjects and canon law supreme.

The pope virtually says to the civil powers of the earth: "Our church is the only true church, therefore our religion ought to be the religion of all men, hence you make your subjects obey our religion, then all your subjects will be my subjects and I will make my subjects obey your laws." The result is the most oppressive tyranny that ever cursed the inhabitants of a nation. This is just the state of things where Rome can have the management, popery being supreme and kings and princes the vassals of an ecclesiastical tyrant. This state of things, to some extent, already exists in the United States. Presidents and politicians are hampered by the influence, dictation and papal intrigue. Rome is represented in Washington and every state in the union by papal emissaries under orders from the Vatican, to make demands under the threat of a political "boycott" if refused, so the demagogue makes a covenant with the "mother of harlots." And no doubt, for the same purpose, there is a Jesuit at the elbow of the editor of many of our secular papers, to suppress whatever may not be in the interests of Rome.

But I am forgetting my text. My first thought was, in a few words, to call the attention of the reader to the Scripture at the head of this article. The signs of the times indicate that this interesting prophecy may now be in the process of fulfillment. Agencies for this purpose may have been employed for some time past, and it is evident at the present time, that the beast and his allies display great energy and activity in preparing their forces for the anticipated conflict.

The anti-Christian elements are busy in every quarter. Down with the Bible! Down with American freedom!

Down with the free, public school and liberty of speech, is their watchword. Especially, down with the A. P. A.; but it won't down. "The spirit of the holy Gods is in it," as was said of Daniel, the prophet. It is the spirit of '76 revived, the resurrection of the spirit of our loyal fathers who purchased our freedom with their blood.

This agitation in the ranks of the enemy means something. Diabolical schemes are behind these mysterious movements. Perhaps these suggestions will explain the Irish military companies, organized, drilled and armed for battle, on American soil? It is time that the United States government knew what it does mean. It seems that Priest Bennett of Sterling, Ill., knows what this military array means. He says: "We are now drilling our boys to be prepared to fight the next Bunker Hill on American soil." The Scriptures clearly show that Rome, the beast and her allies, will sooner or later attack the followers of the Lamb in the final conflict before the millennium. The "Amageddon" will prove "Waterloo" to Rome. The "world wonders after the beast" and is deceived, but the army that follows the rider on the "white horse" cannot be deceived, they know their enemy. Godless politicians may be deceived and betray their country, but a soldier of the great king will not. CALVIN.

More Romanist Appeals.

The Roman Catholics in Leeds are putting forth great efforts at present to improve their position in Leeds. A couple of weeks ago we drew attention to two begging circulars sent to a Methodist gentleman in Ulster on behalf of Roman Catholic erections in Leeds or the neighborhood. We have now before us a similar begging appeal on behalf of another new chapel in Leeds, sent to a gentleman in Munster, in which it is said "2,000 prayers are said daily for all benefactors," and in which all readers are asked to "give a penny for St. Francis' sake;" and in order to stimulate them to do this a handsome bracelet, a silver brooch, a silver cross, or a string of beads is promised to every collector of seven shillings. Now, what strikes us is that the promoters of these begging epistles must find the work remunerative or so many would not engage in it. We are sure, however, that those of our readers who get them will know how to deal with them.—*Christian Advocate, Belfast, Ireland.*

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Old Catholicism, says the *Independent*, is apparently growing steadily in Italy. A number of smaller congregations have been organized in recent months and have united with the "Catholic National church." In Dovadola nearly all the members of the Methodist church joined the Old Catholics. The leader of this movement is the famous convert, Count Campello, who counts among his followers a number of enthusiastic young priests.

The Roman Catholic authorities in Malta have for some time contended that marriages by Protestant ministers were invalid, at least when one of the parties was a Romanist. Strong claims were made as to the power of the church to override the civil authority. The question has at length been definitely settled by the decision of the British privy council, upholding the legality of all marriages by Protestant ministers in Malta, of whatever faith the contracting parties might be.

The rector of Hawarden has permitted a stained glass window to be placed in St. Deniol's church, Hawarden, to the memory of the Christian martyrs who during the terrible persecution and massacres of the past eighteen months in Asiatic Turkey, have remained steadfast, and borne witness for the faith. Mr. Gladstone has been asked to write an inscription.

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