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An Interesting and Instructive Ad-

dress.

session at Rochester, N. Y. destiny untrammelled, when the proud erature in the hands of its members. boast of being a free people had not to be modified by the knowledge that a outlay would do well, from time to foreign hand, ever striving for our sub- time to encourage speakers to deliver jugation still exercised an immense in-True, our brave band of women throughout the land have done muchworking side by side with our brethren of the patriotic orders, whom the common danger has called into existence, we have loosened the ruthless grasp of the papacy, nevertheless, the influence of the tyrant of the Tiber is still potent, and we cannot rest until in all our governmental affairs it be utterly destroyed.

Still the fee, at the bidding of the Italian master moves upon our national treasury and uses funds snatched therefrom to undermine our institutions by teaching that the will of a foreign potentate, already discredited in his own country, is superior to our laws. Though denouncing our public schools, the Roman hierarchy manages that those subservient to its bidone that particularly concerns us as women. To us it belongs to mould the character of our future citizens, while, by our interest in all things that pertain to welfare of home, we influence those of the present.

Our free school system has been noblest and most important of the institutions of our land. Once let it be destroyed and as a people, we would soon be reduced to the condition of the the human mind." most illiterate papal country where fear makes men cowards, and ignorance makes them slaves. where man is little better than a beast, while a priest is a God. "School houses are the churches of liberty." They are the light-houses of progress, the fortresses of patriotism, the training schools of citizenship, and the bulwarks of a free government. Whatever or whoever opposes cur public schools is the enemy of the country and of our common liberty, the foe of education and enlightenment, and is hostile to the best interest of our children, and the whole people." We To-day on those shores where no bondman must see to it, therefore, that none Where fetters must burst, and the slave be avowedly hostile to our institutions have any part, in the instruction of our children, nor hold any position, either in our schools or on our school boards not entirely in sympathy with our educational system. That person would and cannot escape to the light and the air. be at least wanting in judgment, who employed wolves to guard a sheep but one-seventh of the population, yet, law. furnishes more than half of all the the nation.

merits the remark said to have been calm and impartial hearing. If the of our order. I resign it with the hope exciting nature of topics engender that I have been in some measure sucdressing a meeting of the A. O. H. he warmth, which often characterizes earsaid, referring to the A. P. A., "Young nestness, let it be warmth devoid of man don't be afraid of them. We have acrimony and with the tolerance for ELMIRA, N. Y.

and we propose to rule it still. It is for our own. It is possible for any and true we are only one in seven, but then all of us to be mistaken. It is our inwe are organized and are men, those dividual privilege, while at the same To the officers and members of the Americans are cowards." Not the time we owe it to the order and our State Council of the W. A. P. A. in least part of our work then, friends, constituents, to press upon the attenwill be the endeavor to further the tion of the convention whatever may Greeting: Again, friends we meet circulation of patriotic papers, so that appear to us for the welfare of organizain council, to review work of another by diffusing information, we may tion, and those we especially represent year past, and profiting by the teach- arouse a sentiment, which shall crys- But ever let us bear in mind, friends, ings of experience, to devise, discuss, talize itself into well directed action. It is equally our duty to render a ready and mature measures that may tend to Sound and healthy literature upon and loyal obedience to the decision of the stability, and advancement of our questions that concern our order, ex- the majority. order in the years to come. Glad in- planatory of its objects and principles deed would we be had the time ar- can now be easily obtained. This we movements of a similar character, have rived when the Woman's A. P. A. was should be careful to put into circulano longer needed, when the people of thom. In fact, I consider any council onward. While some councils have this country, presided over their own sorely remiss that does not make some affairs, and were free te work out their effort, be it ever so slight, to place lit-Those councils that can afford such

lectures in their respective societies, fluence in our government, in many in- but, beware friends, whom you engage stances dismayed, if not absolutely for such service. As armies have terrorized our press and legislature. their camp followers, so every great fluence movement has its hangers on, interested only in plunder or in selfish gain. These care more for what they can pick up than for the cause, and by their ignorance, falsehood, and coarseness do much harm. Our work is essentially that of education, and, we fail of the grand purpose of our orga- to the one bold enough to assert her nization if we neglect the use of any means within our reach that tends to this end. Those councils, too, attract dared to join us, and only the most de most members, flourish best, and are termined of those have stood firm. most powerful in a community whose members are well informed, and give what time they can to spreading information amongst neighbors. They that water shall be watered also themselves. It is boldly asserted by Rome that she never changes. What she has once done, therefor she will do The tables are turned. We are no again, if she have the power. We are ding shall largely compose its teaching then consequently dealing fairly by staff. This matter of the schools is her when we judge her determination for the future, by the records of the past, and are not merely alarmists when we set clearly before our friends her deeds already enacted, her present course and her set purpose when again the opportunity presents. "Those purposes" as an able and eloquent rightly declared to be at once the writer has said, "are written in the ignorance, the darkness, the suffering, the poverty, the voice and crime of every land where popery has controlled

> Not content with debasing our sex in all countries where power is her's, Rome has established her vile dens of infamy, those moral pest houses called convents, over this land, and thousands of our sisters are therein immurred. From the few that have escaped and who have had the courage to publish their terrible experience to the world, we learn that the most atroclous indignities are perpetrated upon the unthe cry, and iron bars prevent the es-

set free,

land. Their keepers unseen, and their doings un-

scann'd Where haply the innocent pine in despair,

Many stand idly by while this retary and treasurer, which will be iniquity flourishes. Shall we share in laid before you, give in a comprehensive form the condition of the order fold, and no loyal general could be considered wise, who should set rebels to a helping hand to these unfortunates sive form the condition of the order and state of our finances. In spite of the hard times and the difficulties of man a fort. To me, my dear sisters, it and secure liberty to all that desire it our work, we are, owing to the selfseems utterly inconsistent with the by demarding that so-called religious sacrificing devotion of faithful mem love we bear our children, that a body of people, which though numerically ject to public inspection by officers of secretary nor treasurer have received

In the presence of such a fearful criminals, should be allowed to pro- evil let us lift up our voices in the large expenditure of time and energy, vide instruction for our youth. The words of Cicero to Atticus, and say to and I have no doubt more or less of pe evil influence exercised over the minds those yet heedless: "If you are asleep, of our children, by the continuance of awake; if you are standing, move; if awake; if you are standing, move; if acting, demanding most if not all of such a state of things, causes the you are moving, run; if you are run- the time at the disposal of that official. gravest apprehension for the future of ning, fly." No matter what may have I am certain the same work performed been our efforts in the past, if possible, I am well aware however, that redouble them. Encouraged by the many estimable and intelligent people gains already made, with past sucdo not view with the same concern as cesses gilding every cloud and illumin- continue longer. It would be a source we do, the machinations of the papacy. ing our onward march, let us pledge to This is mainly due to the fact that the work our utmost endeavors. Then, little, if any, attention is called to as sure as truth prevails and righteousthem in the public press. Indeed, ness ultimately triumphs, we must win. their successors. I cannot speak too every bearing upon the subject of papist encroachment is carefully sup- since the formation of the state body. pressed, while everything that tends to Further legislation is needed to enable to myself and loving assistance, would the glorification of papacy, is given us to carry on the work of our organizaextended notice. It is but a short time tion successfully. We have had no in this cause has formed a friendship since, in my own city, that Rev. Madi-precedents to guide us. Our methods shall last forever. son C. Peter's delivered a most effec- being original and untried could not be tive and masterly lecture upon the expected to be incapable of improve aught lacking to bind me heart and subject, "Will Our Republic Live." ment. Imperfection in management, In telling words he portrayed the however, will disappear as we grow evils of unrestricted immigration, and older, and our laws better fitted for our plied it. From all with whom I have the ruin that must overtake us if we government when further elaborated. been brought officially in contact, I allowed our public schools to be destroyed. The papers though admitting Mr. Paters ability gave his words ting Mr. Peters ability, gave his words by your executive committee. Other kind letters received have cheered me scant notice. Two days afterwards subjects of legislation will, no doubt, by their expression of approbation. one of the papers gave three columns be presented by the several representa- These words and deeds of kindness have to the notice and description of a tives. With reference to matters Hibernian meeting. Why this dis-brought before this body, it is highly stimulated me to renewed exertion. crimination? Simply because the enemy make themselves felt, while we be manifested. This must always be I thank you. The only cause of regret I have is that I have not been able to ment. Did we as Americans promptly propositions do not appear to every however, in this work, new to me—and stop our subscriptions to such papers it mind in the same light. I bespeak for I assure you I am conscious of manywould not be long before we compelled every subject introduced as full and attribute to inexperience not intention. the recognition now denied. The free a discussion as it demands. Let The authority with which you invested cowardice evinced by our people justly there be extended to every speaker a for the edification and strengthening

ruled this country now for fifty years the opinions of others which we desire

Our fortunes, like as in all other been varying, but the drift has been disappeared, and more seem of low vitality, others have sprung up. gain in the vigorous councils has counter-balanced the loss in the weaker ones, and it is notable that one council organized during this year, exceeded at its institution the combined membership of three councils organized Some of our councils have doubled their membership since the The order grows convention. steadily, both in numbers and in-

While it may not advance as rapidly as many in their eagerness desire, yet bear in mind rapidity in growth is not

always a healthy sign. There has been much in this movement to try our souls and arouse a fear that has kept back many from enlist ing in our ranks. To be known as an A. P. A. has meant loss of employment rights, and the discharge of her husband, father or brother from his posi Only the boldest have hitherto Many, attracted by the novelty of the movement and possessing merely that species of patriotism that dies in the face of opposition, have left us. All glory to the brave women who, closing up the ranks and courageously facing the foe, still undaunted, have marched on to victories. But there is danger in success. We have become a power. longer scoffed at by the enemy. with us as with the Israelites and Philistines of old, the fear of us and the dread of us oppressed them. planning what they will do with us, the papal hierarchy begin to worry as to what we propose to do with them Cardinal Gibbons, with the mad frenzy of despair, in his frantic efforts to escape the coming doom, offers the whole papist vote to the party that will stop the advance of the patriotic move ment, and save himself and his dupes from the A. P. A.

Many will enlist under the banner of a conquering army that fear to join with them while the cause trembles in the balance. Many true and good who only begin to hear of us will join, who would have hastened to our standard sooner, had they sooner heard the trumpet's call. But many, too timid to declare themselves while our order struggled for existence, or seeking only personal gain, may find their way into our ranks. If possible, therefore, we must be more rigid than ever in the scrutiny of applicants. While we scrutiny of applicants. should all rejoice at the addition of one true, patriotic, self-sacrificing member we desire none else. The seed labori ously sown already begins to bear fruit happy inmates. Stone walls deaden hand. I have been called upon during the year to reply to many questions, answers to which were fully provided by the constitution, showing in some cases that those who asked did not study the constitution as they should, in others evincing an anxious desire to evade its provisions, when they did.

> Knowing the exacting duties of the state officers, on behalf of my successor and her staff, I would urge all to think twice before in any way they add to their cares or to the labor of their cor-respondence. The reports of the seciny remuneration for their services. This should not be. The performance of the duties of these officers requires a cuniary loss. The duties of the secre in any business enterprise would command a fair salary. It seems to me derogatory to the character of this order that such a state of things should of great pleasure to me could some tangible compensation be made our present secretary and treasurer, for work done, and provision in future for fice of themselves in their work, while be simply impossible. Our association not easily severed, and which I trust If in my love for this order there was

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