would flash the brand of dishenour in to fall. ably a harlot; neither could any other would they should do unto you." Reman Catholic woman.

about "free speech," and "the liberty and no Roman Catholic priest could be of the press," when Roman Catholics found with manly honour sufficient to are goaded, by these maddening in-enter indignant protest against the atsults, to inflict personal chastisements tempted dishonour, because of the upon the foul mouthed traducers of christianity we professed in common their women and their ministers. This with him, we would despise the church is not free speech, nor liberty of the that could be so bereft of men of man- the pope of Rome, and his successors, canonpress, but vilest slander and libel, and hood, and nobility of christian honour. | ically and lawfully elected: that I will give licentiousness of the press, which would We have discharged the duty of mannot be tolerated for a day, if it were heed and christian obligation, with a put in exercise against any other re- conscience void of cowardly, or prej- lury or disgrace, make public the councils ligious body in the land. Were "THE udiced offense," AMERICAN" to say of individuals, by name, what it says of ten millions of The Burlington's 4:45 P. M. Train for people as a body, its editor would find himself behind the bars of the penitentiary, in short order, for criminal of murder, assassination, treason, and licentiousness, which it now flaunts in Omaha and the World's Fair city. the face of an entire people. That is a peculiarity of our laws. If "THE Denver, Kansas City and St. Louis is AMERICAN" were to print an article that would injure the financial credit of a junk dealer, it would have to answer for it in the courts, but in the lawless libertinism of its Orange hate, it may traduce the honour and virtue of an entire people to brand their women with dishonour, and the ministers of their religion with licentiousness, and cast the cloud of probable illegitimacy upon every last one of them, and at 7 a. m., sharp on time. nothing can be done about it, except the people thus dishonoured shall unwisely seek to avenge themselves. If any one outside makes indignant protest, he is at once denounced as a "Jesuit in disguise," or as "a tool of the Roman Catholic hierarchy." The next three questions we do not

care to print in The Messenger. It is only necessary to say that so far as our knowledge and belief run, Peter Dens nor any other accredited Roman Cath-Catholic priest to ask unholy and obscene questions in the confessional. Roman Catholic priests are, of course, instructed to deal plainly and in the most direct manner with sinful men bound by the secular power. and women when need arises. But if they are to be faulted for this, if the cannot be judged as man. books which instruct them how to deal with such cases are to be denounced as of all human law and judgment. obscene, then must we give up our Bibles also, for they too speak with terrific plainness of speech as to the fleshly sins that destroy both body and are unhesitatingly to be obeyed. soul. Moreover infidels do declare that the Bible is obscene; and it is not an unheard of thing for prurient youth to search out those parts of it that they can debase to their own damnation, just as the disciples of "THE AMERI-CAN" do with the Rev. J. G. White's version of Peter Dens. There is not the slightest doubt in the world but that a wicked priest may use Peter Dens, and the Bible also, to his own damnation, if he will, and to the damnation also of some weak or wicked members of his flock. But that peril is not absent from the lives of Protestant ministers, nor from the lives of the brightest lights of the Orange lodge. as recent revelations from Dublin Castle and Belfast can prove.

Why do not you (Bishop Scannell) or some of your associates accept the challenge of the Rev. J. G. White?

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Can you prove what he says about your confessionals, and your theologies

•We call the editor of THE AMERICAN a thief, a forger, an adulterer, a murderer, and then summon him to prove his innocence on pain of being pronounced guilty. But justice requires that the man who makes the charges be required to prove them, not that the person impeached shall prove his innocence. The Rev. J. G. White has no sufficient way by which he can prove the general corruption of the confessional. His quotations from Roman works on Moral Theology do not warrant his conclusions. If he were to charge any particular priest or bishop, by name, with what he charges the priesthood in general, he would have to prove it in a court of justice, or pass behind the bars of a penitentiary. Until he does give proof different from anything he has yet offered, of the general corruption of the Roman Catholic confessional, every honorable man, christian or pagan, should brand him as a reckless, cowardly slanderer of woman-

The Rev. J. G. White is a cowardly slanderer of womanhood, and THE AMERICAN is his willing and interested coadjutor. The vile literature that they scatter broadcast cannot fail to deprave the hearts of the young of both cause of heresy. The reason is because the

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CANON LAW.

1. The constitutions of princes are not superior, but subordinate to ecclesiastical

constitutions. 2. The laws of the emperors cannot dis-

golve the ecclesiastical or cannon laws. 3. It is not lawful for an emperor to exact mything opposed to the apostolic rules.

4. It is not lawful for kings to usurp the hings that belong to priests. 5. No custom of anyone can thwart the

statutes of the popes. 6. Let no resistance be offered to the olic writer urges all or any Roman apostolic (canon) precepts, but let them be

salutiferously fulfilled. 7. The yoke imposed by the holy see is to be borne, though it appear intolerable and

insupportable.

8. The Pontiff can neither be loosed nor

9. That the Pontiff was called God by the

10. That as god he is far above the reach

11. That all laws contrary to the canons and decrees of the Roman prelates are of no

12. That all of the ordinances of the pope

13. We ought not even to speak to one shom the pope has ex-communicated. 14. Priests are fathers and masters, ever

15. The civil law is derived from man, but he ecclesiastical or canon law is derived directly from God, by which the pontiff can, in connection with his prelates, make constitutions for the whole christian world, in matters spiritual, concerning the salvation of souls, and the right government of the hurch; and if necessary judge and dispose

16. A heretic, holding or teaching false loctrine concerning the sacraments, is excommunicated and degraded, and handed ver to the secular court.

of all the temporal goods of all christians.

17. Secular princes unwilling to swear to defend the church against heretics are exommunicated, and they are lain under an aterdict.

1b. The goods of heretics are to be con iscated and applied to the church.

19. Advocates or notaries, favoring heretics, or their defenders, or pleading for them in law suits, or writing documents for them are infamous and suspended from office.

20. The secular powers, whether perma eent or temporary, are bound to swear that they will exterminate, according to their power, all heretics condemned by the church; and a temporal lord not purging his land of heretics, is ex-communicated.

21. Those signed with the cross for the xtermination of heretics, rejoice in the privilege granted to the crusaders for the help of the holy land.

21. They are absolved from all obligations who are in anywise bound to heretics.

23. Whoever dies in battle against the unbelieving, merits the kingdom of heaven. 24. We do not esteem those homicides, to whom it may have happened in their zeal for

their mother church against the ex-com-

municated, to kill some of them. That Catholic Princes are bound, both y civil and canon law, not to receive or olerate heretics, and much more are not to permit their rites, or other exercise of their eligion, or rather, their false sect, but are nost solemnly bound everywhere, to repel

and expel them. 26. The following temporal punishments are to be enforced on heretics: ist-Infamy. and the consequent disqualifications for all civil acts. 2nd-Intestability, as well active is passive that is, they can neither make will nor inherit what is left to them by others). 3rd-Loss of paternal power over children. 4th-Loss of dowry, and other privileges granted to women. 5th-Confiscaion of all goods. 6th-That vassals and dayes and others are free from all, even worn obligations due to their lord or anther. 7th-Capital corporal punishment, specially death, and perpetual imprison-

27. The canon law forbids all teleration 28. That metropolitans and hishops are to x-communicate him who grants liberty of

29. No oath is to be kept towards heretic princes, lords or others.

30. Heretics are to be deprived of all civil and paternal rights.

The pope can absolve from all oaths. 32. Every bishop is ordinary judge in a

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absolutely taken, there are cortain coudly agreets comparls as they entrust no, and not tions tacitly understood, amongst which are: | to disubje, directly or indirectly, by word, pricate are vile, or that ALL num are the ordinary renders of The Measurer tot-If I can the right and writing or dirementation whatenever, but to authority of a superior; and When the eath execute all which shall be proposed, given supposes the honor of the apostolic see to be | in charge or discovered unto see by you. - y

> 34. That the council of Trent, the last and great authority of Rouce), decrees and commands that the sacred cances and all general cosmeths, also the other apentalic canetments issued in favor of ecclesiastical its violators, all of which by this present decree it renews, and must be exactly ob-

CARDINAL'S OATH.

-, cardinal of the Holy Roman church, do promise and swear that, from this time to the end of my life, I will be faithful and obedient unto St. Peter, the boly apos tolic Roman church, and our most boly lord, no advice, consent or assistance against the pontifical majesty and person; that I will acver knowingly and advisedly, to their inntrusted to me by themselves, or by mosengers or letters: also that I will give them any wedstance in retaining, defending and resovering the Roman papacy and the regalia of i eter, with all my might and endeavor, so far as the rights and privileges of my order will allow it, and will defend them against all their honor and state, and I will direct and defend, with due form and honor, the egates and nuncies of the apostolic see, in the territories, churches, monasteries and other benefices committed to my keeping; and I will cordially co-operate with them and treat them with honor in their coming. biding and returning, and that I will resist ento blood all persons whatsoever who shall ction pt anything against them. That I will, y every way and by every means strive to reserve, augment and advance the rights mors, privileges, the authority of the Holy man bishop, our lord the pope and his bee mentioned successors; and that, at

atever time anything shall be decided to neir prejudice, which is out of my power to inder, as soon as I shall know that any eps or measures have been taken in the atter, I will make it known to the same, or lord or his successors, or some other peron by whose means it may be brought to heir knowledge. That I will keep and carry ut and cause others to seep aid carry out c rules of the holy father, the decrees ordinances, dispensations, reservations, provisions, apostolic mandates and constitutions of the Holy Father Sextus, of happy memory, as to visiting the thresholds of the apostles at certain prescribed times, according to the tenor of that which I have just read through. That I will seek out and oppose, persecute and fight (omn) conatu persecuturum et impugnaturum) against heretics schismatics who oppose our lord, the pope of Rome, and his before mentioned successors, and this I will do with every possible effort."

(Signature) then sent to the pope

BISHOP'S OATH.

-elect of the Detroit diocese, from henceforward will be faithful and obedient to St. Peter the Apostle and to the Holy Roman church, and to our lord, the holy pope of Rome, and to his successors canonically entering, I will neither advise, consent nor do anything that they may lose life or member, or that their persons may be seized, or hands in any wise laid upon them. not to divulge, directly or indirectly, by or any injuries offered to them, under any which they shall intrust me by themselves their messengers or letters. I will not knowingly reveal to any, to their prejudice. I will help them to defend and keep the Roman papacy and the royalties of St. Peter against all men. T., s legate of the apostolic see going and coming. I will honorably treat and help in his necessities. The rights, honors, privileges and authority of the Holy Roman shurch of our lord, the pope, and his afore said successors. I will endeavor to preserve defend, increase and advance. I will not be in any counsel, action or treaty, in which shall be plotted against our said lord and Roman church, anything to the hurt or prejudice of their persons, rights, honor, state or power, and, if I shall know any such thing to be treated or agitated by any whatsoever, I will hinder it to my utmost, and as soon as I can. I will signify it to our said lord. The ordinance and mandates of the pope, I will observe with all my might and ause to be observed by others.' "Heretics, schismatics and rebels to our

said lord or his successors. I will to my utmost persecute and oppose."

"Hereticos, schismaticos et rebelles eidem Domino nostro vel successoribus predictis pro osse persequar et oppugnabo."

"I will come to a council when I am called. will visit the threshold of the apostles every three years and give an account of our lord of all my pastoral office and of the things belonging to my diocese to the dis cipline of my clergy and people. I will in like manner humbly receive and diligently execute the apostolic commands. If I am detained by a lawful impediment, I will perform the aforesaid by a member of pro-chapter or a priest of my diocese, fully in-structed in all things above mentioned. The possessions belonging to my table, I will neither sell nor other wise alienate without consulting the Roman pontiff. So help to God and these holy gospels of God."

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PRIEST'S OATH.

now in the presence of Almighty God, the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed Michael the Archangel, the blessed St. John the Baptist, the Holy Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul and the Saints and the Sacred Host of Heaven, and to you, my lord, I do declare from my heart, without mental reservation that the pope is Christ's vicargeneral and is the true and only head of the universal church throughout the earth, and that, by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given to his holiness by Jesus Christ he has power to depose heretical kings. princes, states, commonwealths and governments, all being illegal without his sacred confirmation, and that they may safely be destroyed. Therefore, to the utmost of my power, I will defend this doctrine and his holliness' rights and customs against all usurpers of the Protestant authority what- and witness the same further, with my name soever, especially against the now pretended authority and church in England and all adherents, in regard that they be usurpal this holy convent and heretical, opposing the sacred mother, the church of Rome.

"I do denounce and disown any allegiance. as due to any Protestant king, prince or state or obedience to any of their inferior officers. I do further declare the doctrine of the church of England, of the Calvinists, Huguenots and other Protestants, to be damnable and those to be damned who will not forsake the same.

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'All of which L .blewed Trinity and blessed Sacramost which I am about to receive, to perform on my part to keep inviolably, and do call on all the Henventy and Ghortons Buck of screens of ecclesiastical liberty, and against. Hence to witness my real intentions to keep this my outh.

'In textimony whereof, I take this post bely and blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist, and witness the same further with my concrated hand, in the presence of my hely bishop and all the private who needs him to my ordination to the privathood."

EXTREME OATH OF THE JEBUITB.

. now in the presence of Almighty God, the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed Mighael the archangel, the blessed St John the Raptist, the holy apostles St. Peter and St. Paul and the saints and sacred host of heaven, and to you my ghostly father. the superior general of the society of Jesus. founded by Saint Ignatus, Loyola in the pontification of Paul the Third, and continued to the present, do, by the womb of the virgin, the matrix of God, and the rod of Jesus Christ, declare and swear that his holiness, the pope, is Christ's vice-gerent, and is the true and only head of the Catho-He or universal church throughout the earth; and that by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given to his holines by my Savior, Jesus Christ, he hath power to depose heretical kings, princes, states, com monwealths, and governments, all being filegal without his sacred confirmation, and they may be safely destroyed. Therefore, to the utmost of my power, I will defend this doctrine and his hollness' right and custom against all usurpers of the heretical or Protestant authority whatsoever, especially the Lutheran church of Germany, Holland. Denmark, Sweden and Norway, and the now pretended authorities and churches of England and Scotland, and branches of the same now established in Ireland, and on the continent of America and elsewhere, and all adherents in regard that they be usurped and hertical, opposing the sacred mother church of Rome. I do now renounce and disown any alleg-

fance as due to any heretical king, prince or state, named Protestant or Liberals or obedience to any of their laws, magistrates

I do further declare that the doctrine of the churches of England and Scotland, of the Calvinists, Huguenots and others of the name of Protestant or Liberals, to be damnable, and they themselves to be damned who will not forsake the same

I do further declare that I will help, assist and advise all or any of his boliness' agents, in any place wherever I shall be, in Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, England, Ireland, or America, or in any other kingdom or territory. I shall come to, and do my utmost to extirpate the heretical Protestant or Liberal doctrines, and to destroy all their pretended powers, regal or otherwise

I do further promise and declare that, notwithstanding I am dispensed with to assume any religion heretical for the propagation of the mother church's interest, to keep secret and private all her agents' councils from time to time, as they entrust me, and word, writing or circumstances whatever, but to execute all that shall be proposed. given in charge, or discovered unto me, by you my ghostly father, or any of this sacred convent

I do further promise and declare that I will have no opinion or will of my own or any mental reservation whatsoever, even as a corpse or cadaver (perinde ac cadaver), but will unhesitatingly obey each and every command that I may receive from my superfors in the militia of the pope and of Jesus

That I will go to any part of the world whithersoever I may be sent, to the frozen regions of the north, the burning sands of the desert of Africa, or the pingles of India, to the centers of civilization of Europe, or to the wild haunts of the barbarous savages of America, without nurmuring or repining, and will be submissive in all things whatsoever, communicated to me.

I do furthermore promise and declare that wage relentless war, secretly or openly, against all heretics. Protestants and Liberals as I am directed to do, to extirpate them from the face of the whole earth, and that I will spare neither age, sex or condition, and that I will hang, burn, waste, boll, flay, strangle and bury alive these infamous heretics; rip up the stomachs and wombs of their women and crush their infants' heads against the walls in order to annihilate their execrable race. That when the same cannot be done openly, I will secretly use the pols onous cup, the strangulating cord, the steel of the poinard, or the leaden bullet. regardless of the honor, rank, dignity or authority of the person or persons, whatever may be their condition in life, either public or private, as I at any time may be directed so to

my life, my soul and all coporeal powers, and with this dagger which I now receive, I will subscribe my name, written in my blood, in testimony thereof; and should I prove false or weaken in my determination, may my brethren and fellow soldiers of the militia of the pope cut off my hands and my feet, and my throat from ear to ear, my belly opened and sulphur burned therein, with all the punishment that can be inflicted upon me on earth and my soul be tortured by demons in an eternal hell forever.

All of which I. he blessed trinity, and blessed sacrament which I am now to receive, to perform, and on my part to keep inviolably; and do call all the heavenly and glorious host of heaven to witness these my real intentions to keep this, my oath.

In testimony hereof. I take this most holy and blessed sacrament of the eucharist. written with the point of this dagger, dipped in my own blood, and seal in the face of

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