

CANON LAW.

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

BISHOP'S OATH.

1. I, [name], Bishop of [diocese], do swear that I 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 or assist against him, nor will I be in any way his enemy, and I will defend him with every possible effort.

EXTREME OATH OF THE JESUITS.

I, [name], now in the presence of Almighty God, the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed Michael the archangel, the blessed St. John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit, 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 vicar-general 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 his doctrine and his holiness' rights and customs against all usurpers of the Protestant authority whatsoever, especially against the now pretentious authority and church in England and elsewhere, in regard that they be usurped and heretical, opposing the sacred mother church of Rome.

PIEST'S OATH.

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ALL OF WHICH I DO SWEAR BY THE BLESSED TRINITY AND BLESSED SACRAMENT WHICH I AM ABOUT TO RECEIVE, TO PERFORM ON MY PART TO KEEP INVOLUNTARILY, AND DO CALL ON ALL THE HEAVENLY AND GLORIOUS HOSTS OF HEAVEN TO WITNESS MY REAL INTENTIONS TO KEEP THIS MY OATH.

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solidness in any of their laws, constitutions or officers.

I do further promise and declare that, notwithstanding I am disposed 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 not to divulge, directly or indirectly, by word, writing or circumstances whatever, but to execute all that shall be proposed, given in charge or discovered unto me by you my glorious father, or any of the 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, or as an endeavor, but will indubitably obey each and every command that I may receive from my superiors in the militia of the pope and of Jesus Christ.

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

I do furthermore promise and declare that I will, when opportunity presents, make and wage religious war, secretly or openly, against all heretics, Protestants and Liberals as I am directed to do, to exterminate 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, boil, fry, strangle and bury alive these infamous heretics; rip up the stomachs and wounds of their women and crush their infants' heads against the walls in order to annihilate their execrable race. When the same cannot be done openly, I will secretly use the poison of the pointed, 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 do by any agent of the pope or superior of the brotherhood of the holy father, of the society of Jesus.

In confirmation of which I hereby dedicate my life, my soul and all corporal powers, and with this danger 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 do swear by the blessed Trinity, and blessed sacrament which I am now to receive, to perform, and on my part to keep involuntarily, 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, and witness the same further with my consecrated hand, in the presence of my holy bishop and all the priests who assist him in his ordination to the priesthood.

In order to prevent a repetition of the recent disgraceful efforts to abridge the right of free speech, THE AMERICAN has undertaken to raise a fund with which to prosecute all persons hereafter guilty of such an attempt. It matters not how small the sum, every American who prizes that boon should help swell the fund. We do not ask any one to go into this, but will receipt for any amount sent in for the fund. We have received contributions from Oregon, Arkansas, Iowa, Nebraska and other points. The money so raised will be used to prosecute all violations of the law guaranteeing free speech. Our proposition is contained in this blank which contributors sign:

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Search the Scriptures. Christ said search the Scriptures, because he wanted people to know something about eternal life and the plan of salvation for themselves. He did not want them to depend entirely on the priesthood for their religion, but coun-

selled them to read for themselves and come to the fountain head for supply. He knew what broken events some of the priests were, and he made the Bible so simple that the wearying man, though a fool, need not ever therein.

Anti-Christ says to the people, do not search the Scriptures, for the Bible is only for the priests, you must come to them for your religion. They claim that the Lord selected the priests and endowed them with special gifts, thus making it appear that God is a respecter of persons. They do this to blindfold the people, and keep them in ignorance, so they can exact money from them for absolution, indulgences, and passports from purgatory into Heaven. They know that if the people read the Bible they will make the discovery Luther made, that the just shall live by faith in God, and not in man, and leave the Roman church like a rat-leaving a sinking ship. The Romans have succeeded in maintaining the Bible from our schools, and would like to make bundles of the Protestant Bible in this country, as they did in Europe in the sixteenth century. Their aim is to throttle Protestantism, and restrict education, and bring over the land a cloud of superstition, which will darken our minds with a darkness which can be felt. They claim the exclusive privilege of dispensing the gospel to the world, and want to compel the masses to come to mass. The people must wake up out of their slumber, or they will soon be minus the freedom of speech. As morphine is administered to numb the sense of feeling, so theological morphine is injected into the craniums of thousands of dupes to numb their faculties of thought. ANN ARBOR.

WHO OWNS THE PRESS? Protestants Are Afraid to Publish Daily Papers. We learn from a competent authority that the four leading daily newspapers of St. Louis—the Republic, the Globe-Democrat, the Post-Dispatch and the Evening Chronicle—are all owned and run by Catholics, and that the leading editors are Catholics, either by open, formal profession or by known and avowed preference. If this be true, there is certainly abundant food in it for much serious reflection on the part of those who are interested in the religious and political condition of our great cities.—Christian Evangelist.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 22, 1894.—Editor THE AMERICAN: Strange things are happening every day, but the strangest of all was with me last Saturday evening when a Methodist minister met with the Roman Catholic and publicly kissed the pope's toe, as reported in the Sunday Times. This high-spirited preacher of the Grand Avenue Methodist church gave the hand of Methodist fellowship to a Roman Catholic priest, crawled before the big sensual priest as being a very unworthy speaker himself, and remarked that Father Dalton is the orator in these parts.

What think you Americans of the Grand Avenue M. E. church when your preacher stands up before Roman priests and tells them that your preacher is a poor little l, as compared to them? And how Dr. Mitchell did try to make St. Patrick out a Methodist, and didn't the priest turn the joke on little l, when he told him it was no such thing, St. Patrick was a Roman Catholic and that the Roman Catholic church cannot promulgate a new doctrine. No, Priest Dalton, it cannot. It is the same old dragon spoken of in Revelations by John of Patmos, who was to have a name on her forehead the great mother of harlots; who was drunken with the blood of the saints and with the martyrs of Jesus. This is the same old Roman church that put three million Christians to death and kept the Christ in Bible away from the people for twelve hundred years and the whole world in darkness and ignorance; this is the same Roman church that murdered the first reformers, and burned Wycliff and cast his ashes on the Severn seas, and burned Tyndal and came so near killing Martin Luther.

Yes, Priest Dalton, it cannot promulgate a new doctrine; it is ever the same. The people of Kansas City had some rocky proof of that a few months ago, and some more evidence this week when a Catholic offered \$500 for proof which will satisfy Priests Dalton and Lillis that Mr. Cooper went to hear a lecture that the priests did not like him to go to.

I am an American and have been a Methodist for thirty years, and I don't see how one being these can sit and hear a priest tell us that Rome is the best friend this country has or can have. Surely Priest Dalton takes us Americans for fools, and no wonder for we have allowed Romans to dictate our affairs so long that they have become our masters. We must even ask them if they will take offense if we go to hear a lecture.

Americans, it is time we were throwing off this yoke and showing them that there are not many little l's among us.

HAS IT COME TO THIS!

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side and asked to see the clergyman, to whom he said: "I am suspected of being an A. P. A., and my store is being watched. I shall have to ask you to discontinue coming to my store on this account, and when you leave the store today, will you please ask your friend to remain after you are gone, that you may not be seen leaving the store together, and I shall have also to request you each to take a bundle with you, that you may be thought to have come in for the purpose of purchasing goods." This is Puritan Boston! This is the tone of Garrison and Phillips! This to please a boycotting priesthood.

Are we Americans or are we papist slaves? Where is our manhood and womanhood if we submit to such priestly dictation as this?

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