

O. B. JACKMAN

Past State President of the American Protective Association of Iowa.

Osceola B. Jackman, of Boone, Iowa, the subject of our sketch this week, is one of those young, aggressive Americans, who was born during the troublous times of the civil war and imbued the love of country and flag from the patriotic air of a home that sent its brave and brain to battle for liberty.

Mr. Jackman was born in California, February 16, 1859, and is just past his thirty-fifth birthday. Until his fourteenth year he attended the public schools of Sacramento, Cal., and then removed with his parents to Iowa, where he has since resided. Immediately after his graduation from the high school he commenced the study of law with Hon. E. A. McCoy, of Clinton, Iowa, and was admitted to practice on his twenty-first birthday.

After practicing his profession for a time, he engaged in the newspaper business, and followed that line of work for several years. He is now, and has been for five years, engaged in the insurance business.

In 1879 Mr. Jackman was married to Miss Hattie I. Kinch, of Clinton, Iowa, and their family consists of three children—two girls and a boy. Mr. Jackman is a republican in politics, and a member of the Christian church.

Oce. B. Jackman, as he is commonly known, is perhaps one of the best known

baptism or the doctrine of original sin. We claim in our platform that "we attack no man's religion," and we should not do so. Only the pointer he puts in his religion. I am happy to say that there are some ex-priests who are doing excellent work along the lines on which our order is organized, but there are a number doing the cause an immense amount of injury by ill-adviced and sensational attacks upon the confessional, transubstantiation and kindred topics, which comes from them in very bad grace, to say the least.

At the last meeting of the state council of Iowa, through the instrumentality of Mr. Jackman, the entire proceedings were given to the public, including the names of the state officers. His idea is, "the widest publicity as to aims and objects, the strictest secrecy as to ways and means."

Mr. Jackman has devoted a large amount of his time and his means to the upbuilding of the order, and his work is highly appreciated by the order all over the country.

GOOD AMERICAN SENTIMENT.

A Catholic Says It Will Save This Land From Foreign Despotism.

Mr. M. J. Clerihan, of Jacksonville, Ill., writes to the Inter-Ocean in reply to a correspondent in the following truly patriotic language:

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., April 10.—My attention was called to an article in

weapon calls to mind the murder of my ideal, grand old Abraham Lincoln, by J. W. Booth, who furnished a dagger; it calls to mind that the Serratts, the Booths, the Atteretts, the Mullis, the Pains and Father Walter carried the dagger of bigotry in their traitorous hearts. No, Mr. Nugent, it doesn't help your cause to revive the memory of those days, when (I blush to tell it), 90 per cent of the Catholic clergy were the enemies of the Union and traitors to the flag. And more, Pius IX., of infamous memory, had no blessing for the stars and stripes, but Jeff Davis and the slavery received his papal benediction. Mr. Nugent talks much about the A. P. A. as opposed to our church. This is one of Mr. Nugent's ghosts. There is no attempt to overthrow the Catholic religion, but the American people have determined that priestly interference in American politics must stop.

In 1892 Archbishop Feehan (who hails from the same bright emerald valley with myself) was an important factor in that year's election by his pastoral. Every Catholic in Illinois was under the penalty of the censure of the church; he was interdicted from voting the republican ticket. And you, sir, know that the majority of Catholics regard and reverence a priest or bishop as a God. The Sunday after that memorable election the priest who officiated at the church where I attended said in his sermon that God was with the Catholic church and the democratic party! A sentiment that I then and there repudiated. Nevertheless he was the priest and spoke from the altar. The signs of the times indicate very clearly that God must have regretted his aiding the democracy in 1892.

Mr. Nugent says that the pope sent his legate to render "fair play to a lowly priest." No, Mr. Nugent, this is not the mission of Satolli. The controversy between Dr. McGlynn and Corrigan could be settled, and was settled at Rome, but Satolli's mission as outlined in his order to the fourteen archbishops last June (1893) was that in every state the Catholic laity should act as a "Tammany unit and control the elections; the democratic party were to oppose no motion coming from Satolli; the democratic party and the Catholic hierarchy were to act in unison, capture the legislatures of the several states, and then the next move was to pass laws giving the church a division of the school fund. This was to be the entering wedge to split the foundation and Satolli was to be the Samson to pull down the pillars of freedom's Gibraltar—the American public school. The plan proved abortive. American sentiment will save this land from foreign despotism and creed slavery.

Now, my friend Nugent, when in the history of nations did Rome aid the establishment of republics? The policy of the head of the church and the dignitaries is to gain power by every art known to the science of diplomacy. When Joan of Arc, the heroine of France, led an army in liberty's name, she was, by the order of an archbishop, publicly burned at the stake; and later, when Garibaldi and Kosuth raised their voices in liberty's cause, Rome set her anathema on their holy cause.

The present storm that surrounds the church is the natural result of intertemperate assaults by priests, bishops, laymen and the head of the church. We are told that we must obey God (the pope) first, then the state. This is European history, but we free Americans sing: "Hail, glorious land of liberty!" "Uncle Sam" is our father and the lovely Goddess of Liberty is our mother, and to them we owe undivided allegiance. This is liberty's creed—nothing more, nothing less. No good, true, loyal American seeks to abridge any man's right to worship God according to the dictates of conscience; but when a church organization wants to dictate state and national policies, then we, in our loyalty to God and country, say no. M. J. CLERIHAN.

The School Question.

The Rev. John Q. A. Henry, a prominent local Protestant minister, of San Francisco, Cal., recently addressed a large audience at Odd Fellows hall on "The Hands of Rome on our Public Schools." The stage was occupied by a number of officers and members of the American Protective Association and several clergymen. The meeting was the first of a series which Mr. Henry has inaugurated for the purpose of arraiging the Roman Catholic church for its attitude toward the public schools. Said Mr. Henry:

"I come not as a minister, but as a man; not as a preacher, but a patriot; not as a christian only, but as a citizen. The appeal is not to religious opinion, but to love of country. I am not here to awaken prejudices, but to stimulate determination to resist the invasion of cherished rights. To attack the public schools is a serious and insignificant matter. The assault has been made by Romanism, and as a Protestant it is my duty to resist it."

Mr. Henry then read copious extracts from the sayings and writings of Catholic prelates, including the pope and Father McGlynn, which, he insisted, tended to show the position of the Catholic church today.—Lafayette Ledger.

Spread of Catholicism.

Roman Catholicism is spreading rapidly in the three Scandinavian king-

doms, which have been regarded ever since the days of King Gustavus, of Sweden, as the stronghold of Protestantism. So great is the number of proselytes that the Vatican has just placed Denmark, Sweden and Norway under the pastoral care of three bishops. As usual, a feature of the work of propagation is the establishment of parochial schools, where the younger generation of Scandinavians are being educated in accordance with the doctrines of the Catholic church.—New York Tribune.

A Jesuit Answer, d.

The Rev. Mr. Hickey of Los Angeles, Cal., recently made a very bitter attack on the American Protective Association, and lauding Roman Catholicism to the skies as the friend of liberty, free schools and education. On the following day Mr. Jas. P. Elton, one of the prominent citizens of that city replied to his criticisms in the following interesting manner, in the Times of that city:

Mr. Hickey's statements that the Roman church always favored liberty, free schools, education, etc., might have been accepted in the dark ages as true. But it went go down with the American people, who thanks to free schools, happen to be a nation of readers. The fate of Savonarola is still fresh in the minds of America's freemen, and Mr. Hickey, it will take more than your single statement to convince the A. P. A. that the desire on the part of your church to "burn people" who cry out against the iniquities of the Romish church is wholly dead yet. We propose, as A. P. A. adherents, to trust Americans only. We have to judge the present status of your church by its past history, over which we will draw the veil. The A. P. A. knows full well you hate secret societies (except when they are of Catholic origin). The reason is obvious: Every good catholic must confess to the priest at least once a year and he cannot serve two masters at once.

How many Protestants as teachers have you in your schools? How many Protestants have you in your employ as a church in this city? Why do you instruct your adherents to employ Catholics only, other things being equal? You favor education, eh? Call Italy as a witness. Home of the pope and of the church you represent for the last thousand years! A country over which the Roman church has had almost absolute control for more than a thousand years. Now note the conditions. Here is matter taken from the governmental reports.

The following figures of the 'Annuario Italiano,' yearly published by the Bureau of Statistics of Rome under the direction of Prof. L. Bodio, to whom the cause of public instruction in Italy is greatly indebted, convey exact information concerning the standing of the Italians as regards illiteracy and it is interesting reading to Americans.

'Per cent of illiterates to 100 inhabitants:

Table with 3 columns: Census, All Ages, Years. Rows for 1861, 1871, 1881.

The census of 1891 (estimated) gives the percentage of illiterates of all ages at between 55 and 60 per cent, and of persons between 12 and 20 years as 42 per cent.

"Thus it shows that a generation ago 78 per cent of the Italian population could neither read nor write. It is remarkable that while at the time of the first Italian census (1861) Piedmont, the only province ruled by a national government, had only 15 per cent of illiterates; the province of Calabria, until then oppressed by the Jesuitic rule of the Bourbons, gave the almost incredible figure of 93 per cent. The only spot in Italy where illiteracy appeared to be unknown in that same year was among the Waldenses north of Piedmont, the only Protestant population of Italy."

Now, Mr. Hickey, if it takes your church government 1,200 years to educate 22 per cent of the population of Italy to read and write and it takes the government of Italy only thirty years to reduce illiteracy 30 per cent. (see above table), to an ordinary person it looks as if all the time this side of eternity would be too short for the Romish church to complete the job, while the government will practically do it in little over a century.

You are "not opposed to public schools?" The actions of the church of Rome belie your words. Why this outcry about the "Godless schools?" What about this "Cahenly" business and the "Fairbault" plan of running the public schools? And the Wisconsin business, the work of your church—the dividing of the school fund, which you accomplished in Illinois? No, sir; the public schools of America, backed by the loyal hearts of her millions of freemen, are freely able to protect themselves against all influences that would destroy, and the A. P. A., numbering more than two millions of voters, is, and will be found ever on the side of public schools. Absolute separation of church and state! Liberty in its fullest sense! Protection of America's freedom from hordes of ignorant foreigners who are constantly flocking to our

shores to compete with natives of the soil much to their detriment. No! The A. P. A. believes in giving Americans a chance; and one of the pleasing thoughts in connection with your fair city, Mr. Editor, is that you have a strong branch of the A. P. A. in your midst, composed, as I find, of representative men, and as the principles of the order are understood I look for better government in your city in the near future.

Aggressive Romanists.

The world contains no shrewder men than some of those identified with the Roman Catholic church. They know how to manipulate methods and influences so as to produce the greatest results for Romanism. Father Chiquy, the converted priest, who has traveled so widely in our country and made careful observations of men and methods, says that though the Roman Catholics in the United States make up not more than one-eighth of our population, they not only "rule our press, command our armies, man our navy, but they are forcing us to yield, yield, yield, day after day, till very soon the American Protestants will have to take the background everywhere, and let the Roman Catholics rule this country for the benefit of the pope."

The above may be considered strong language, yet there is truth enough in it to make Protestants think. That the Roman Catholics already have practical command of the secular press is too obvious a truth to require formal statement. The attention given to Roman affairs, as compared to that given to Protestant churches, is matter for frequent remark. Senator H. W. Blair, of New Hampshire, once declared upon the floor of the United States senate that "upon the staff of every great paper of this country today is a Jesuit, and the business of that man is to see that a blow is struck whenever there is an opportunity to strike at the common school system of America; and the further investigation there is in this direction the more patent will this appear." This statement has never been denied, though published broadcast at the time. If anyone of the leading dailies made any answer or denial of this charge, we have never seen it. Referring to the further ingenuity of the Jesuits, Mr. Blair said:

"Twelve years ago, when I was a member of the house of representatives, and when we were undertaking to enact a constitutional amendment, which was to prevent the appropriation of the public money to the support of the sectarian schools in this country, a friend pointed out to me upon the floor nine Jesuits, who were there log-rolling against that proposed amendment to the constitution. I did not know them. He claimed to know them; and he pointed them out, nine at one time. * * * And as Jesuits have been expelled from the old world, let me say that the time is soon coming when the Jesuits will be looked upon as more the enemy of this country than is the anarchist today. And the process either of their expulsion or of their conversion will be one in which the American people will some time be engaged, unless the order change their programme and their work."

Evidently the "order" have not yet "changed the programme and their work." Unless all signs fail they are having more influence with the present administration than with any other since our government was founded. There is more hob-nobbing with Romanists, and the "sisters" of that sect are permitted more privileges in the departments of the government in soliciting aid from employes than ever before. The administration has a Romish flavor in many ways. As for expelling the Jesuits, we fear it will not be an easy thing to do, even if attempted. The Roman Catholics of America are prepared for conflict. Everywhere they have formed or are forming secret and military companies, under the names of Hibernians, St. Patrick's Cadets, St. Patrick's Mutual Alliance, Knights of St. Peter, Knights of Columbkil, the Sacred Heart, etc. These secret societies are not only drilled, but they are well armed, some of them with arms bought by themselves, some got from the state governments. They parade our streets several times a year under the name and mask of state militia. In a contest with the Jesuits these Roman military companies would not be found fighting for their expulsion. Not a great deal.—Christian Advocate, Detroit.

FOREST COUNTY, April 20, 1894.—Editor AMERICAN: While reading the brief biographical sketch of H. F. Bowers, the father of the A. P. A., which appeared in the last issue of your patriotic organ, I was impressed with the fact that as a public benefactor Mr. Bowers ranks with Washington and Lincoln, and I wish, therefore, to suggest to the A. P. A. through your columns that he should be rewarded with the presidential chair in the white house, as a token of respect for the great boon he has rendered this country. The day is not far distant when this will be possible. Yours truly, A PATRIOT.

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