

"ACT" INSTEAD OF "RESOLVE."

Organization Necessary to Defeat the Encroachments of Rome.

By the doctrine of ecclesiastical priests are led into temptation, and by the confessional the means to gratify their desires are placed in their hands.

The Roman Catholic authorities recognize the risk that is run by confessions of a beautiful woman to a young, healthy, passionate priest, by frequently commanding that confessions shall always be heard, except in case of sickness, in church, and in a spot visible to everybody, and with a grating between the priest and the penitent.

Knowing these facts, as we do, we should demand that a law be passed, establishing a commission to investigate the confessional system of the Roman church, and if the commissioners find it productive of gross immorality, the government should then root it out, the same as was done with polygamy in the Mormon church.

In that way, many a lecherous priest would be sent to states' prison, and many a poor aching heart liberated from the hell houses, knowing that the stars and stripes would protect her from further persecution and misery. It makes an American's blood boil when he sees the institutions of his country traduced and injustice permitted and condoned by the authorities, and upheld by the press, as it is.

For instance, if a Methodist or Baptist minister defalcates, he soon finds a resting place in jail. Can you point out where a Roman priest is ever imprisoned for the like offense?

No! The church authorities send him away and hush it up, to avoid scandal, while justice, as practiced by Jesuit judges and weak-kneed Protestants, is momentarily and conveniently blinded. If a Protestant minister seduces a woman, how quickly the newspapers herald it from sea to sea, and how soon he is deposed by his indignant flock.

If a priest commits the offence it is suppressed or barely mentioned in the papers, and he gets absolution from another priest, and, lo! he is again immaculately pure, and continues serving God out in little pieces to his blinded congregation.

These purveying evils in our government smell with a bad odor in the nostrils of loyal Americans, and we must purify the body politic before an epidemic is engendered, that will reduce our great nation to the weak state of a typhus patient.

Every one was cognizant of the fact that the A. P. A.'s of Toledo lately sought to arm themselves. The newspapers spread it far and wide, seeking to represent it as unlawful, when, in fact, the constitution of the United States distinctly "guarantees every citizen the right to carry arms." The A. P. A.'s did not commit an unlawful act in obtaining arms for themselves, but the crossbacks, through their obedient slaves, the daily newspapers, caught at a straw and tried to incriminate the Toledo A. P. A.'s.

The law of Ohio is against the "carrying of arms by organized military bodies of men." The A. P. A. is not a military body in any sense of the word. The state cannot make a law forbidding the individual members of the community from carrying arms because that would be contrary to the national constitution and therefore null and void.

In contrast to this so-called breach of the law, I will state a fact that I will swear to at any time. "On the morning of Sunday the 6th of May, I saw on Fountain Square, Cincinnati, an armed body of Hibernians marching to the music of life and drum, the bayonets on their guns glistening in the sunlight."

Notice—Five dollars reward offered for any one who read a protest against this infringement of the Ohio state laws in any daily newspaper.

No! no! The papal pets must be pandered to. So get down on your knees to them, ye servile editors, ye weak-kneed ministers, ye serfs of judges! All hail to the foreign papal boycotters!!!

Americans! we are reaping that which we have sown. American indifference and worship of the Almighty Dollar have permitted the discriminating Romans to put the Roman judge on the bench, the Roman policeman on the beat, the Jesuit at the head of the daily newspaper, and, judging by their bleat, the Roman wolf in the sheepskin of many a Protestant pulpit.

As I said, we have only ourselves to blame, and should not complain when the Romish press carries out the process of discrimination, and censures the shadow of unlawfulness in A. P. A. ranks and overlooks direct violations of law in the Roman ranks.

However, let us not play the baby act. Give the devil his due. Acknowledge that the Jesuits have been smarter than we. Take our medicine, and, without crying over spilt milk, study to overcome the devil at his own game.

Our disgraced country cries aloud for action! Our forefathers appeal to us to

overthrow foreign domination, and "Every man is a foreigner, no matter what his nationality, who upholds foreign institutions," and vice versa. "Every man is truly American who is most loyal to American institutions, no matter where he was born."

Then let us "Act!" Leave resolutions to the feeble minded. Hustle at every primary, as the crossbacks do, and organize into military bodies (without arms), so that, as the tide turns, which it surely is commencing to do now, we will overawe the enemy, and preserve the peace by vastly superior forces, well organized and well drilled. The movement on foot organizing the Sunday school boys all over the land into brigades, is a wise move and should be encouraged.

Well organized force is a great arbiter of peace.

Let our watchword, then, be "Action," FRANCISCO.

A COMPARISON.

The A. P. A. and the A. O. H.

The American Protective Association is called un-American, it is howled down and cried against by our public press. You would think to hear the press talk on the subject, that it was capable of annihilating anything that did not suit it, but the press is not supreme, its fiat is very far from decisive, it is run by fallible man subject to all the frailties of human flesh, plus a decided tendency to special pleading that is a determination to one-sidedness, whose ax is being ground. Fair play is the last thing you will find in a public paper. They are called public, but they are run on private principles, that is they are the furthest from honesty, unless it suits them or their side, their private purpose. An American order is called un-American, because the press has some purpose to serve in so doing. I think Mr. Press, that the American Protective Association is very decidedly American, even if you cannot see it that way. In the first place it has the name American at the beginning of the title, I cannot see anything un about it so far. Protective following American means, that a special interest in the principle word, and they mean that there is something threatening Americanism, that they have determined to ward off if they can. Now, Mr. Press, if you will look over your colored specks, you will see clearly that the thing that is threatening Americanism is the un-American thing and not as you say the American part of it. You are mistaken, you do not see straight or if you see straight, you write crooked, you are wrong all around, you are un-honest. An Ancient order of Hibernians, is there anything American in that order? That is the order that is un-American, but Mr. Press does not accuse it in anyway, he makes a fuss about the American and against, but does not say one word against the A. O. H. which is an un-American order. Of course he does not need to tell some of us that the A. O. H. is an un-American order, we know that it is, and it would be nonsense for the press to tell us that we know, and it is nonsense to tell us that the A. P. A. is un because we know it is American clean through. An Irish Roman Catholic is un-American or unpatriotic wherever he is, but just right here I want it distinctly understood, for the reputation of Ireland that that province produces other people besides Irish Roman Catholics, quite a few, and they are capable of making themselves felt, and do make themselves felt in all the civilized world, and there is no question of their Americanism or patriotism in whatever country they cast their lot; now for the Irish Roman Catholic and his patriotism or Americanism here. I want Mr. Press if he has time to explain to me, how an Irish Roman Catholic can be American, an Italian on the Tiber runs his religion, he takes his patriotism from a province of the British empire, that has lost its independence hundred's of years, the American flag is not large enough for him, he must have a flag that he calls Irish. I have never heard of the Irish flag having been saluted, how is that. Now, after his religion being un-American, his patriotism being un-American, we have seen that the American flag is not large enough for the A. O. H. or Irish Roman Catholics, what is left for him to be American? He is the un-American Mr. Press, if you please. Let us look at some of these Americans. In the last ten years we have had three fights on the police force. First, Buckley and Rowan; second, Dempsey and Horrigan; third, Cormack and Shoop. Out of six fighters five were A. O. H. or Irish Roman Catholics, one American. The American was ordered by his superior officer into his private office, and struck when he entered, by an un-American in America, and the press did not call him un-American. Mr. Press how would it do for you to change your specks?

FAIR PLAY.

A Late Breakfast

is often caused by a late milkman. No cream for the coffee or oatmeal has delayed many a morning meal. Keep a supply of Borden's Peerless Brand Evaporated Cream in the house, and avoid such annoyances.

The executive committee of the A. P. A. should be a secret one.

SWINDLING DEVICES.

Adopted by the Roman Church in Dupes Its Superstitious Followers.

The holy mother church has a thousand schemes for swindling the simple minded. As a rule they impose only upon the ignorant and superstitious. For this reason the church strives for the control of children, knowing that a child can be stuffed with superstitious notions in a month, that cannot be got rid of in a lifetime. One of her swindles is known as the "St. Joseph's Cord." It is simply a bit of cheap cord costing the church about one cent. After it is pore-wowed over by a priest, it is held to be as efficacious in warding off evil as the "left hind foot of a grave yard rabbit." In no other particular is the difference between the holy mother church and the holy grandmother church (the voodoo) so marked as in their swindling devices. The holy grandmother's charms, which she sells to dupes, are uniformly of the character of a grave yard rabbit's left hind foot—scarce and hard to get; while the charms of the holy mother church are as uniformly of such cheap and easily obtained commodities as Jacob's cords, holy water, and so on, depending for their virtues entirely upon the hocus-pocus performances of the priests. This is why the holy mother church is such an uncommonly thrifty swindler.

All these swindling devices are regularly advertised in all Catholic newspapers. Not in the regular advertising columns as merchants advertise honest wares, but in the reading columns just as quack doctors and professional cheats usually advertise. In a way so as to deceive and make people believe they are not reading an advertisement—only reading some disinterested comment.

A recent number of the Catholic Columbian, Bishop Watterson's organ, contained an advertisement for "St. Joseph's Cords," put in the shape of a little story. It purported to relate the circumstances of a recent occurrence in a neighboring city. A poor widow woman had an only son who was her sole support. She had a vivid dream in which she saw her son a mangled corpse upon a cellar floor. So impressed was she by the dream that she went that morning to her priest and bought a "St. Joseph's Cord" and gave it to her son at dinner time. That afternoon the boy was at work in the top of a lofty building when, by some misstep, he fell down the elevator shaft to the cellar below. His companions, horror stricken, rushed down expecting to find him a bruised mass of lifeless flesh. But he was unharmed. He had on the "St. Joseph's Cord."

There must have been a booming business done at the cathedral in "St. Joseph's Cords" the week following that issue of the Columbian.

It will be recollected that a prisoner at the penitentiary a few weeks ago scaled the walls and escaped. Some how he dropped his "beads" and was unable to find them in the dark. He was caught and brought back the same day. It is only fair to conclude that had he found his "beads," and continued to count them, he would now be enjoying his freedom and stealing horses.—Columbus Record.

OUR COUNTRY'S DANGER.

The Rapid Growth of a Popish Empire in the Bosom of a Republic.

About sixty years ago Alexander Campbell, editor of the Millennial Harbinger, a man of extraordinary acuteness of intellect, and who seemed to see into the far future almost with the eye of an inspired prophet, put upon record the following words:

"Were I to be asked what is the darkest and most ominous cloud in our national heavens, unhesitatingly I would answer: 'Slavery as now established by law.'"

Again, were I asked for the next most inauspicious and portentous cloud in our political horizon, I must, with equal promptitude reply, 'The rapid growth of a popish empire in the bosom of a republic.'"

Poperism is naturally, essentially and necessarily despotic, cruel, and impious. It constitutionally claims a sovereignty over, not only the secular sword, but over everything on earth: thought, language, action, spirit, soul, body, and estate. It regards itself as the heir of all earthly things, and by a right divine, and irrevocable, the only earthly king of kings and lord of lords. Its motto is: "The empire of the globe or nothing." The law of gravity will cease to act sooner than this side of absolute dominion.

It cannot be the guest in any land; it must be the host. It claims to be the church, the only church in which there is salvation; and that, as Jesus Christ is in heaven held over all things for the church, so his vicar of Rome is to be—jure divino—the head over all earthly things for the sake of the church, in which alone salvation can be found.

It cannot be cured; man cannot wash the Ethiopian white nor change the leopard's spotted skin.

While popery lives, it must reign. It is the soul, the very life of the system, and take away from it these attributes and nothing remains."

The words of those extracts are not the words of fanatics or enthusiasts or alarmists who cry "wolf, wolf" when there is no wolf; but a highly enlightened, judicious and thoughtful man, who, as a true watchman in the camps of Americanism and Protestantism, sounded the warning signal of the approach of the foe coming over the distant hills and plains. What a clear-sighted seer he was! How plainly this horoscope sketch through that long stretch of years is directed to our eyes in our country's more recent history—of the coming foe, come, and laying close siege to the citadel of American liberty!—Christian Leader.

CATHOLICISM.

Prof. Cline Addresses a Large Crowd at Chattanooga, Tenn.

Prof. C. C. Cline spoke again last night to a larger audience than has ever gathered in this city on an occasion of any kind, Sammy Jones' sermons excepted.

The first statement made after the introduction was aimed against the rule of the Catholic church which "refuses to admit married Protestants to the church unless they are re-married by the priest. In other words, Catholicism refuses to recognize a Protestant marriage."

Continuing, Mr. Cline spoke of the Catholic church as a political organization. He said the Catholic church was the only political church in America, and the pope the political head. The Catholic rule is never to obey a law of America unless that law is in sympathy with the interest of the church. "Catholicism first, patriotism next." The speaker referred to the Boston tea party and said: "The pope must keep out of politics. We don't get our politics from Europe, and at this late day the pope shall not hold sway over us." The speaker said he did not think there would be bloodshed, but the American people must be up and watching for any possible trouble. He referred to the Sloan affair as an example of the power which Catholicism holds locally, and spoke of the Sloan letter written by George W. Ochs as an example of the power of the church over the chief executive of the city.

He criticized the Catholics for "insulting the American people by refusing to recognize a Protestant marriage." "The Catholics tell you and your wife that you are living in sin and adultery because you were not married by a priest, and they say your children are illegitimate." He spoke of the hundreds of priests living in concubinage, and the "incubating nurseries."—Chattanooga, Tenn., Press.

No Americans Wanted.

Nine-tenths of all the elective offices in Cook county are now held by naturalized citizens.

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The county coroner was born in Ireland.

The city collector was born in Germany.

The city clerk was born in Germany.

The corporation counsel was born in Bohemia.

The new postmaster is a German.

Two-thirds of the city council and all of the police force were born in Ireland.

Then why wouldn't it be fair politics to give the majority nomination to a side American?—Chicago Globe (Dem.)

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