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The mistake must not be made that this warfare is being made against particular Catholics. It is against the church as a political organization.

The Pope's Blessing To Be Dreaded.

In a letter to Dr. Fulton, from an old veteran, which he kindly forwarded us for publication, we are told that from the time the pope blessed Jeff Davis and his confederates the cause of the north was in the ascendancy, until it finally reached a complete triumph.

That would seem an outlandish, strange or extravagant statement if similar things didn't occur when this vicar of anti-Christ blasphemously attempted to bless his fellows.

The pope's blessing indeed is more to be dreaded than his curse. History confirms this statement. There never was an instance of papal blessing, but it was turned into a curse. We can prove this from events in our own day. The pope sent the golden rose (a special mark of favor) with his blessing to King Bomba, of Naples, and in less than twelve months afterward the king lost his crown and his kingdom. He next sent his blessing to Francis Joseph, emperor of Austria, and in less than twelve months he was defeated at Sadowa; and lost his Venetian dominions. He then sent it to Queen Isabella, of Spain, and again, within the same short space she lost both crown and dominions. He then sent it to Louis Napoleon, or rather the Empress Eugenie, which is more remarkable still, as she called that war with Germany "her war;" and again in less than twelve months France was defeated by Protestant Germany and the emperor had to flee to Protestant England for shelter, where he died in exile. Mrs. General Sherman got the golden rose as a special mark of favor for her service to the church, and it was too much for her as she died soon after.

The pope cursed Italy, as he had cursed England under Elizabeth, when he excommunicated Victor Emanuel for seizing the papal dominions, and for making Rome the capital of his kingdom. Since then Italy has risen from being a cipher among nations to become a voice and a power in the councils of Europe.

He cursed Germany and she became the greatest power of continental Europe.

The pope sent his blessing to that French showman, Boulanger, and in less than two weeks after he had to flee for his liberty and took refuge in Germany, and is now an exile in the island of Guernsey.

The princess of Brazil when near her confinement, requested the interposition of the pope, and his blessing upon her child. She received it, and the child was born deformed.

Maximilian was killed a short time after being blessed by the pope as Emperor of Mexico, and his wife became insane after going to Rome and receiving the benediction.

The pope neglected some official business in order to give his special blessing to an English steamer laden with sisters of charity for South America in 1870, and it never reached its destination. Every soul perished.

The Empress of Brazil was blessed but once, but that was enough; she broke her leg three days after.

It will be remembered that the floating palace delayed its starting from Montivideo to Buenos Ayres until it received the assurance of safety in the papal blessing, then raised its anchor, sailed out to sea—and went down in two days.

McGlynn tells us that he has grown fat and happy on the pope's curse; and the editor of this paper has reason to bless God for the day the Abbot Benedict cursed him with bell, book and candle, and he left Gethsemane Monastery, in Kentucky, with the mark of Cain, as it were, upon him.

Since then he has grown strong, healthy and happy, whereas the old man who did the cursing was stricken with paralysis and died recently.—The Primitive Catholic.

Patriotic Sons of America.

The national camp of the Patriotic Sons of America convened in Philadelphia, Aug. 25, with Mr. George P. Smith, the national president, in the chair. Mayor Stuart delivered an address of welcome. State President Frank B. Spiess, on behalf of the 48,000 members of the order in this commonwealth, heartily welcomed the visitors to Philadelphia and Pennsylvania. Dr. E. P. Murdock, of Chicago, the lieutenant general commanding the military branch of the order, made an enthusiastic address. The president then appointed as a committee on credentials Messrs F. P. Hart, of Illinois; H. A. Swezer, of Ohio, and C. F. Huth, of Pennsylvania. The meeting was then adjourned. The Sons of America order was organized in this city back in 1847, and it is a distinctively American institution. "God, Our Country and Our Order," is the motto. "To foster forever fealty to the flag; to protect the public schools; to protect lands of America owned by native or adopted citizens only, and as far as possible have America for Americans," is the schedule of principles enunciated. Under this standard Pennsylvania has 606 camps and 48,000 members. There are 85,000 members of the order in the Union all told.

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Chained to Trees.

A dispatch from Bonham, Tex., Aug. 22, says seventeen inmates of the Catholic school were brought into town to testify against Father Huhn on charges preferred against him for inhuman treatment of his charges by chaining them to trees until the flesh on the neck was cut to the bone. The boys were all ragged and dirty, many of them almost naked, and not a few bare-headed.

The A. P. A. in Minneapolis.

A special dispatch to the Janesville Radical, from Minneapolis, Minn., says the American Protective Association has made wonderful progress there as it has in all other parts of the country. The order was only instituted in Minneapolis a few months ago and today it numbers its membership away up in the hundreds. It has just expended over \$2,000 in fitting up and furnishing its new hall which is one of the largest in the city. They are preparing for great things.

You should do all in your power to carry out the intentions of his holiness the pope. Where you have the electoral franchise, give your votes to none but those who assist you in so holy a struggle.—Daniel O'Connell.

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