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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.

## LOOK AT THE PRESENT.

The question is quite often asked, "Why do you not publish more of the history of the church of Rome, and open the eyes of those thoughtless Protestants who encourage the building of parochial schools, convents and nunneries by the Roman corporation?" To which we have invariably answered, there is no necessity for doing so. Historically the Roman church is not only a vile and unclean thing, but it is a murderous and unchristian institution—an abomination in the sight of God and of man—a disgrace to civilization and a stumbling block in the way of christian and God-fearing Catholics. This is known to everybody, and needs no glossing or coloring by the hand of any writer to make it stand forth in all its hideousness.

The history of the Roman organization is like Benquo's ghost—it will not down. Turn where you will in well authenticated histories and you will find the story so often told of fraud, corruption, licentiousness, intolerance, superstition and ignorance being the legitimate children of Romanism to be true. We all know this to be the truth. We can see that much even today, and knowing this, do we care what the Romish church has been in the past? True, her agents and emissaries say she is unchangeable, which might be sufficient reason for dragging the bloody, criminal past of the mother church into public view, so that the future might, in a measure, be foretold; yet we doubt if any have forgotten the tales told of the horrors of the Spanish inquisition, by men of more than ordinary ability; we doubt if any who have read have forgotten of St. Bartholomew's eve, when 70,000 Protestants were murdered—murdered? Yes murdered! by Rome's most loyal sons; by men wearing on their breasts the emblematic cross. We doubt if any have forgotten that Huss and Wycliff and Martin Luther were made

to feel the awful weight of ecclesiastical authority, or that any have allowed the fact to slip their minds that Giordano Bruno, one of the most gifted Italian philosophers, was burned at the stake, to satisfy the church, on February 17, 1593, in the city of Rome—just beyond the halo of the vatican.

Remembering these things—knowing them to be true—why should we say more? Is it not enough to know that the Roman Catholic church is always against the government? Is it not enough that the Roman corporation is endeavoring to destroy our public schools? Is it not enough to know that Roman Catholics discharge Protestants and substitute those of the Roman faith? Is it not enough to know that the church holds here \$250,000 worth of real property for speculative purposes, which is free from taxation? Is it not enough to know that the association known as the Society of Jesus, through its chief officer, loans church funds on real estate security, draws interest but pays no taxes? Is it not enough to know they boycott any and every man who has the courage to say "I am an American and a Protestant?" Is it not enough to know the Roman hierarchy is endeavoring to unite the church and state? Is it not enough to know the church of Rome has branded your wife as a concubine and your children as bastards?

We say it is enough to know these things; and that it is, therefore, much more appropriate for THE AMERICAN to call attention to things of today, and keep the people posted on just what the Roman corporation is doing and intends doing to this country and its institutions. We believe that when men fully realize that the "holy mother" church is a political organization, that the laity vote as one man and that they are always ignorant enough to allow the priests and bishops to use them for their own aggrandizement, and that many of these same priests are dishonest enough to call in question the integrity of every man who says the Roman church is a political fraud and a religious misnomer, stopping at nothing, resorting to everything, to injure those who question the loyalty of every man who gives vent to such sentiments as "we are Catholics first and citizens afterward," we say that when men fully realize these things the ring, the intriguers that have always manipulated the Roman vote, will have to take a back seat. When men fully realize this Rome will rule no more. Her ruin will come through her insatiable greed for all positions of trust and honor, and her unlawful attempt to subvert public school funds to the use of Roman parochial schools.

## ANOTHER DISTINCTION.

A gentleman who was born in Germany says we left out a good point in last week's article, which explained the difference between the old Know-nothing party and the American Protective Association. It was the fact that the charge was proved to be an untruth upon its face, for men of all nationalities were members of the American Protective Association, while the Know-nothings excluded all foreigners. We welcome all Protestant foreigners.

## AMERICA.

My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty.

Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountain's side  
Let freedom ring.

My native country, thee,  
Land of the noble free,  
Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture thrills  
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,  
And ring from all the trees  
Sweet freedom's song;  
Let mortal tongues awake,  
Let all that breathes partake;  
Let rocks their silence break,  
The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God to Thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing;  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God, our King.

## PUT DONNELLY ON RECORD.

Councilman Donnelly was, the first of the week, approached by a gentleman who asked, in behalf of quite a number of Protestants, that a certain man be named as a member of the registration board. Donnelly refused to name him. When asked why he would not send in his name, the councilman answered, "he is a white cap." "I don't know about that," retorted the gentleman, "but I do know he is a Protestant." "It is all the same thing; I will not appoint him." "Then you propose to appoint no one but Romans on the board of registration in the Second ward." "I won't appoint any Protestant white caps, that is certain." "Alright, Mr. Donnelly, we will place you on record," and the gentleman who had the above conversation with the night-watchman at the government corral who is better known to the citizens of Omaha as Councilman Donnelly, came to THE AMERICAN office and reported the same. Protestants should be on their guard. Donnelly's explanation may mean more than you can see on its face. It may mean that there is a Roman scheme on foot to pad the registration. We advise a careful and minute scrutiny in every district of the posted lists, and that a complete list of all the registered voters be made for use at the polling places on election day. This explanation of Donnelly's may mean that they will carry the election by fair means if possible by foul means if necessary. It may mean that in case they can not out vote us they will have men on the canvassing boards who know how to count our candidates out. Or it may not mean anything at all, any farther than that Donnelly has allowed his tongue too much latitude. It would be just as well for Protestants to be on their guard, however, and if any fraud is attempted any place in the city, it should be reported to the proper authorities, that immediate action may be

taken, in conformity with the law. To be "forwarned is to be forearmed." Remember "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

## THE ROMAN BOYCOTT.

There is a policeman named Kissane who has a beat out on North Sixteenth street who should be given a vacation. While he was tramping his beat last Saturday, according to Mr. Viney, of Slee & Viney, barbers at 1004 North Sixteenth street, he noticed Mr. Pat Powers going into the shop. Kissane called him out and urged him to stop patronizing Slee & Viney as they were members of the American order. Pat was bound to go in but the patrolman kept urging him to stay out. After considerable parleying he got away from Kissane and went in the shop, where he paid his bill, and as he turned to leave was asked by Viney to come in again. Kissane after being convinced that Powers would no longer patronize the firm proceeded on his way, and when he reached Quinn's saloon, at 11:30 a.m. stepped inside and remained there for twenty minutes, or, to be correct, until 11:50 a.m. We desire to know whether policeman and firemen are paid for working up boycotts against business men who belong to American societies. How is this Messrs. Smith, Gilbert, Hartman and Coburn?

## ARE YOU GUILTY MR. KLEFFNER.

We always had considerable respect for George Kleffner, but if what several of our friends tell us is the truth, he has committed an act that is deserving of the most severe censure. Our friends say he was a member of the crowd that went to Central hall Friday night to break up an American meeting. How is this George? Were you in that crowd? You are welcome to all the space you want in these columns, if you can by the use of it establish an alibi. Be frank Mr. Kleffner. Were you one of the crowd that defied Officer Bloom? If you did not in words did you in acts? Yes or no, Mr. Kleffner.

## ABSURD.

Our Roman contemporary has at different times intimated that the American Protective Association was boycotting Roman business men. The intimation is absurd. There is not a Romanist doing business in Omaha today who could carry on his business for three months were the Protestants to boycott him. This is a Protestant town. All the Romans have had a "cinch" on heretofore has been the offices. They will not have it on those things after this fall.

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