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Written for THE AMERICAN:  
WHAT WILL THE END BE—FREEDOM?

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What are the pangs that freedom yet must suffer.

What is the cost her children still must pay,  
What is the ransom they will have to proffer,  
Where is the end, what name the day?

What griefs are yet to drape her homes in mourning.

What crimes to be endured from papal hands.

Where is the way to lead her from betrayal?  
What is the theme, where are the bands?  
Swanton, Neb., October, 1891.

## WHAT YOU SHOULD DO.

This is an important campaign. It is one in which every good citizen is deeply interested. One that has resolved itself into a contest, not of men and measures, but of the citizens against the contractors; of law and order against lawlessness and disorder; of competency against incompetency. It is a contest in which politics have

be his appointees. He must be a man who recognizes the fact that this is a Protestant government, and that Protestants are entitled to protection from the assaults of drunken, disorderly and disloyal Romanists. He must be a man who is an American in all that the word implies. He must be a man whom you would trust with your own business, one who has not set the law at defiance, who is an American, a gentleman and a scholar. When you have found such a man, be he Democrat, Independent or Republican, give him your vote, give him your influence and your moral support, and use all honorable means to secure his election.

Heretofore party lines have been too tightly drawn. Good, competent and honest men, who have been nominated by the two old parties have been defeated by boodlers, who have owed

whom they cast their votes. They have it in their power to reform this city government. Will they do it? It is possible for them to elect competent, honest, efficient and reliable men at the election next Tuesday. Will they do it? Or will they allow men whom they know are incompetent, dishonest, unreliable and law-defying to control the municipal affairs. Be Americans, be men and redeem this city from the disgraceful ring that has so long controlled city affairs. This is an appeal to your reason, not to your passion. How will you answer it?

## COLONIZING.

Why is it that the Roman Catholic hierarchy are locating all over this northwestern country colonies of Poles, of French, of Irish, of Italians and Bohemians, surrounding them with the customs of their fatherland, using

and this will soon be realized. Make it a qualification that an elector must be able to read his ballot before you give him the elective franchise.

## ROMANIZING PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The following dispatch appeared in the World-Herald Sunday morning, Oct. 26, 1891:

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 24.—Rev. G. L. Morrill has returned from a trip to Stillwater and Faribault, where he went for the purpose of investigating the combination of parochial and public schools. He expresses the greatest indignation, and says: "I first went to Faribault. The schools have Catholic teachers. The teachers are dressed as nuns, with their beads and rosaries, and their main object is the conversion of the pupils to the Catholic religion. The walls were decorated with Catholic emblems, and over the teacher's desk



BRITON—"Are you in favor of giving Ireland Home Rule?"

NEW YORKER—"Yes, if Ireland will give America Home Rule."

been entirely obliterated; in which every man placed in charge of city, county and state affairs must be not only thoroughly competent, not only honest beyond question, but he must also owe first allegiance to the government of the United States; he must be a citizen without a mental reservation; he must be a citizen who loves our public schools, who reveres the memory of our dead heroes, and rejoices in the perpetuation of our republican form of government and its free institutions; one who is proud to be known as an American citizen before he is known as a Roman Irishman—before he is known as a subject of the Pope. He must be a man who looks with suspicion upon the efforts of the Roman hierarchy to tear down the very foundation of our liberal form of government—the public schools. He must be a man who will not allow the Roman contractors to dictate who shall

their elevation to positions of honor and trust to ignorant voters who have been controlled by contractors and certain franchised corporations. These same contractors, with that same un-American vote, are straining every nerve at this time to foist upon this great city as councilmen nine of the most incompetent men ever placed in nomination by either of the great parties now battling for supremacy in this state. They are endeavoring to saddle upon this great city—this city of conventions—as mayor a man so far below the average in intelligence, so much under the influence of these contractors and franchised corporations, that it would be a dire calamity and an insult to the best class of tax-paying citizens of Omaha, should their efforts be successful. It is time that Protestant citizens were awake. They should examine well the character, ability and integrity of the men

their mother tongue and teaching them to look upon the pope as greater than the president, and upon all Protestants as beings almost beneath contempt. Is it that they may become Americanized, that they may learn our ways, our customs, that they may honor our flag and love our institutions, or is it to keep them in ignorance of all that goes to make a true, loyal sacrificing American citizen?

You know why it is being done. We know. It is to make them Roman Catholics first and citizens afterward. Is it right, is it just that such things should be permitted. If our ways, our institutions or our laws do not suit them, the sooner they go back to where they came from the sooner will this country be the ideal one which Americans have hoped to see.

Let us have fewer colonies, better naturalization laws and more strict enactments relating to immigration

hung the picture of the Holy Father.

And this one from the same paper of Oct. 28, 1891:

BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 27.—Mariah Kullburg, a storekeeper of East Boston, has sued Father Hugh O'Donnell, a Catholic priest, for \$5,000 for ruining his business. She alleges that because she refused to send her children to a parochial school the priest publicly boycotted her from the altar.

We are reliably informed that James Donnelly, Sr., has furnished the registration boards in the Second ward with cards bearing his name, and when a man goes to register he is given one of those cards with Donnelly's name printed thereon, with the number of his name on the registration list. This savors very much of a scheme to turn the registration polling places into electioneering dives.