

THE ROMISH HYDRA HEAD.

Ignatius Loyola and the Jesuits Discussed by a Student.

The frequent reference to the jesuits makes it desirable that the general reader shall have a clear knowledge of this secret organization, its object and founders, than is generally accessible to all classes of readers.

Criminal indulgences were a device of the 11th century, employed as a recompense to those who enlisted in the crusades, to ransom the holy sepulchre from the infidels.

That reformation inaugurated by Luther was strengthened by accessions to the movement by the best scholars of the age, among whom were Calvin, Melancthon, Zwingli, Bucer and others who had been prominently connected with Catholicism.

To arrest the progress of this great religious convulsion, during which thrones tottered, and to roll back the heavy tide setting against the mother church, a sort of military organization, then known as the Company of Jesus, was instituted in 1540, by that formidable monk, Ignatius Loyola.

As a military organization the jesuits had a general, with subordinate officers, descending in regular gradation until the humblest member was reached, each subject to his immediate superior.

The Rev. James A. O'Connor, pastor of the Reformed Catholic church, in connection with which the Christ's Mission is maintained, tells the interesting story of this man's conversion as follows:

"It is a week now since he came to us here and told of his loss of faith in the teachings of the Catholic church and of his desire to find the true belief. We took him in. We maintain this mission as a refuge for just such as he. He told us about himself. He is a man of fine education and of musical talent, altogether a man of unusual intelligence.

"I was much taken with him. I have talked with him as I have preached, holding that the true religion is that broad evangelical Protestantism that teaches that a man needs no mediator with God but Christ Himself; that the intervention of rites and ceremonies and self-appointed priests is unnecessary and uncalled for.

These men, revolting in their minds the things they had been taught, and which they believed regarding the church, would come to him with their question of this and that regarding the church, and he was expected to set them right—to keep up to the white-hot point of belief.

"He became disgusted with this. He was convinced that the whole system was hollow. But still he was obliged to keep his own counsel. At the end of the school year he closed up all his dealings and affairs and, without saying a word on the matter to a single soul, he came east and directly to us.

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RENOUNCED CATHOLICISM.

Brother Philemon Myers Becomes a Protestant.

Brother Philemon Myers, superior of the Catholic educational Order of the Brothers of the Holy Cross, is in this city, the guest of Christ's Mission, at 142 West Twenty-first street.

Brother Myers was born in this city thirty-five years ago. With his parents he moved to St. Louis when a small boy, and there he grew up. His religious training was Catholic, and he was of a devout turn of mind.

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"I say he is a man of rare intelligence. As superior of that order he had charge of all the educational work undertaken. The home of the order is in Chicago, and there he made his home. For years, he tells me, he has been questioning the teachings of the church of Rome, till at last he concluded it was a church of man, and not of God.

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Would You Call This Trucking?

If it is true the St. Xavier academy is to be removed from Council Bluffs, the Nonpartiel suggests to its Catholic friends and the citizens in general, to make an effort to secure a branch convent of the order of the Sacred Heart. Some years ago the editor of this paper took an interest in securing one of these institutions for Omaha, urging the matter strongly upon one of the Mothers Superior of the order, but for some reason the good woman held it in abeyance, fearful that its close proximity to the school at St. Joseph would make it unprofitable.

The order of the Sacred Heart is the highest female order in the Catholic church. Its membership consists of gifted, superior women, versed in every accomplishment and refinement. Its pupils number some of the most distinguished women in the world. In Europe among them were Eugenie, late empress of the French, and in the United States, Mrs. Fred Grant, and we believe Mrs. Bertha Honore Palmer, president of the woman's department of the World's Columbian exposition. The order has its mother house in Paris, and the principal schools in the United States are at Manhattanville, New York, and Maryville, near St. Louis. It seems to the Nonpartiel that Catholics and their friends in western Iowa with a little effort ought to be able to secure one of these schools for Council Bluffs, and it urges upon the pastors of St. Francis Xavier and St. Peter's churches, J. J. Brown, the Wickham's, Emmet Tinley, J. M. Galvin, John P. Organ, and others, to try to secure one of these valuable institutions of learning to Council Bluffs.

Be Careful, Mr. Cleveland. A correspondent signing himself "An American," in the Columbus Looking Glass, says: "The Roman Catholic organ of Omaha, known as the Western Recorder, of June 4, 1892, says: 'Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cleveland attended high mass lately at St. Peter's church, Brooklyn. Mrs. Cleveland takes special interest in the free kindergarten attached to this church.' We do not want to insinuate at all that Grover and wife do not have the same right to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience, the same as the rest of us mortals, but simply wish to call the attention to the fact that straws will

show which way the wind blows, and it is very significant that Mrs. Cleveland has such an interest in that little kindergarten attachment. Now please don't roam, because this is not the first time that Grover has shown his colors in religious matters. Remember the laying of the corner stone of the Jesuit college in Washington in 1888, when he was to ride in the procession with the red robed cardinal of Baltimore."

ROMAN OSTRACISM.

A Poor Rule That Doesn't Work Both Ways.

For years it has been the custom in large cities to give entertainments for the benefit of the children of the public schools on July 4th, and the private schools have never received recognition in this regard by the city.

The priests have voluntarily withdrawn the Roman Catholic children from the public schools, pronouncing the schools Godless, and yet they have the audacity to assert that the children in the parochial schools have a right to claim the same rights as public school children. The authorities in Chelsea evidently think otherwise, and therefore in the distribution of tickets for the Fourth of July entertainments, the parochial school children were omitted.

This roused the ire of the priest, Father H. J. Mulligan. He is desirous of gaining all the privileges for his flock while holding a tight grip on them, and he is protesting against this action, having addressed the following letter to Mr. Bassett, the chairman of the committee, who distributed the tickets:

CHELSEA, July 8, 1892.—Charles E. Bassett, chairman of the committee on children's entertainment, July 4th, 1892.—Dear Sir: I am instructed to demand a satisfactory explanation of the conduct of your committee regarding the wilful omission of duty in the distribution of tickets for the children's entertainment at the academy of music, July 4, 1892, whereby 900 pupils of the St. Rose school were ostracised and publicly humiliated.

The parents, relatives and friends of these children, numbering about one-fourth of the population, feel this cowardly insult most keenly, and, as fearless American citizens, justly demand at your hands some reasonable excuse.

Many and vague rumors, too, are in circulation, which are detrimental to your character as an official body, and call for an honest public statement, whereby your committee may be honorably exonerated.

Remember, sir, that the plea of "oversight" will not be accepted by my committee. Relying on your manliness and patriotism, I trust you will give this demand your immediate attention and worthy consideration.

AWAITING a speedy response from your honorable body, I remain most respectfully yours,

H. J. MULLIGAN, Assistant principal St. Rose school, and chairman of the citizens' committee.

At the 10 A. M. mass the large church was thronged with people, and Rev. Fr. Grady, assistant curate, referred to the matter. The Catholic citizens say that the entertainments were for citizens' children, and the money appropriated from the tax levy. The very tone of the letter is enough to prove that the priest who wrote it is an insolent foreigner who needs rebuking. He has forced the children of his parish out of the public schools, he is separating them as far as possible from the American children, and yet when the officials abide by the decision he has made voluntarily, and do not recognize parochial school children as a part of the children of the public schools, he takes offense. If the Roman Catholic children have been ostracised and humiliated, it is because Priest Mulligan has placed them in a humiliating position himself. It is to be hoped that Councilman Bassett has grit enough to answer this foolish priest according to his folly—Woman's Voice.



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