Betraul Bystern.

Notwithstanding the parameterst and almost with importance of the above Question, it is indeed surprising hour very little attention, as a general rule, Americans seem to pay to D. apparently content to lot the matter shape its own dearne and scemingly blind to the fast that Romo is in a great many more ways than one inshioously working for the overthrow of the present public school system.

The main object of this crounde against the public school system by the Romish church, is first to bring them futo contempt and disrepute as being ungodly and irreligious, and next to build up Romish schools on their ruins.

Rome, not content with the right, which her church has, the same as overy other religious denomination in this land, to establish as many schools as she can at her own expense, and conduct them in any manner she pleases, now seeks the destruction of the public schools, conducted as at present on a non-sectarian basis and domands a share of the public school funds proportionate to the number of children educated in their parochial schoolsplainly spoaking they wish to make Protestants contribute to a large degree, directly or indirectly to sustain their sectarian schools.

There is unmistakable evidence that a concerted movement has been started throughout every portion of this country where a public school system exists, it is the war-cry of Rome against all education except what is carried on under her own control and direction.

The first charge made by Rome against the public schools was that they were sectarian because the Bible was used daily in them. Rome does not let her children become conversant with the Bible. Full well she knows the reason why. Having succeeded in banishing the Bible from most of the public schools, she now turns round and makes the charge that those public schools are irreligious and ungodly, and Rome, ever crafty and bypocritical cloaks these charges so ably by pharisale pleas of virtue and fair dealing, that today you find many Protestant clergymen and others who swing with Home on this question in spite of the fact that the constitutions of nearly all of the states forbid any sectarianism in the public schools. Every intelligent person must realize that it is impossible to teach religion in a public school oper to every religious denomination sect and creed-on a purely non-sectarian basis-the methods and beliets of brutish ignorance of letters." wie several religious denominations of the present day are so numerous and so varied, as to utterly prohibit the teaching of religion in the public significant. schools without conflicting to a certain degree, more or less, with the religious dogmas as held and believed by them.

ublic school system is to be preserved.

Rome's Attitude Toward the Public tie schools would be very sujust to these officers and taxpayors who if American out through the state desire commonities. Roman Catholics must when he will not read comember that Protestants have political and civil rights as well as thom-

selves, and the support of Roman Cathalle achieves at public expense would be a violation of their eights, just as much as the support of Methodist, Episcopal, Baptist or Congregational schools with money drawn from taxes open the whole posple, would be a violation of the rights of individuals not represented in the denomination receiving the funds

has to a great extent controlled the politics of the several states and consequently by means of such control, has been able to filch enormous sums from the various treasuries for the support of her schools and institutions. Figures authentic beyond the shadow of a doubt show that in the space of seventeen years, 1869 to 1885 inclusive, Romemanaged to secure from the city of 016,715. Rome never hesitates to put orders promptly filled. her hands into the pockets of our publie treasuries. . Surely it is high time for all loyal and true Americans to now say halt, and to see that Rome obeys. the command.

In August 1887, Dr. McGlynn, at that time under the curse (?) of excommunieation, but who lately, it is to be regretted, has so far forgotten his manhood as to become once more enslaved under the thraidom of Roman Catholicism, wrote the following:

"The hope is not concealed that when the so-called 'Catholic vote' shall become larger, then politicians may be induced to appropriate from the state legislature or local government all the funds necessary for the support of these schools. The extraordinary zeal manifested for the fitting up of these seetarian schools and institutions is first of all prompted by jealousy and hatred of our public schools and institutions, monks and nuns who make so-called education and charity their regular business, for which a very common experience shows us that they have but little qualification beyond their professional stamp and garb. It is not risking much to say that if there were no public schools there would be very few parochial schools, and the Catholic children, for all the church of Rome would do for them, would grow up in

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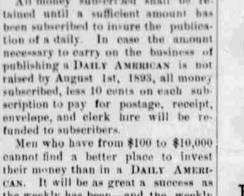
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The theory that the entire work of education is the exclusive function of the Roman Catholic church is a sequence of the old mediaeval papal dogma that the Roman church is the prime, supreme and all embracing source of authority, that the offices of the state are subordinate to and dependent upon the supreme will of the church and that all functions, civil and social must be administered under her direction and control. It does not require great logical insight to see that such a theory cannot be maintained in this grand American republic, for the proper discharge of the functions of American citizenship there must be an American education, therefore it is an imperative necessity that the state should provide for the education of its children. The public school system fosters the general intelligence, promotes public order and -contributes to the stability of our citizenship and in a great many ways it helps the general, moral and social interests of the country and its material prosperity.

The authorities of the Roman Catho-He church claim that they should be -exempt from paying any taxes levied for the support of public schools on the grounds that they have to pay for the support of their own parochial schools. That may seem all very well, but the state does not compel them to establish and maintain parochial schools, that is a matter entirely of their own doing and choosing, but the state does offer them a public school system combined with an education vastly superior to tihat of their parochial schools, and in weturn, she naturally demands that they pay their share towards the support of them, the same as the other various religious denominations are compelled to. When will Rome get rid of the notion that she above all others is a privileged religion.

Notwithstanding this dislike on her to calmly demand a proportion of this same fund to support her sectarian schools on the plea that the public schools are closed to the children of her religion on account of the godlessness of them.

The appropriation of money to the support of distinctively Roman Catho-

the ignorance of the masses is absolutely awful. Rome knows full well that in order to keep an iron handed control over her subjects she must close the doors of knowledge and education to them, because the main element of her so-called religion is founded on super-

stition attendant on ignorance. Mgr. Satolli, papal delegate to this country, or as he should be more correctly styled, papal ambassador to the United States for the pope, has never and will never relinguish his claim to a temporal sovereignty, issued last Desember an address on the public school question, but it was so ambiguously worded that to the uninstructed it sounded very fair and plausible and to all outward appearances countenanced to a certain degree the public schools, but read between the lines and a very different meaning is discernable. It was simply an address issued with the object of throwing dust in the eyes of the citizens of this country, Recent events in the political arenas of the various states show that Rome is using her baneful influence to control the state legislatures in order that she may obtain the enactment of new laws that she will make it permissible for the

various states to apply the school funds in the manner that she now seeks for, and thereby cause the downfall of the present public school system, one of the grandest of our national institutions.

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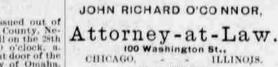


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