

REV. STICK IN FRANK.

He Sees the Y. M. C. A., Protestants and the A. P. A.

Every Protestant and many of the Catholics who attended the funeral of the late Henry Frank, better known as Henry Hockle, at the Catholic church last Friday morning, were shocked and completely overcome by the remarks of Rev. Father Ferdinand Stiek, who had complete charge of the service.

Father Stiek did not speak like he had any respect whatever for the dead man whose body lies on a bier under his very eyes and within the shadow of the altar railing, nor did he show any reverence and respect for the mourning relatives and friends who were in attendance, numbered among who were Protestant neighbors who resided within a stone's throw of young Frank's late home, where for many years he had resided.

The priest had but little to say concerning the dead, and but little comfort, if any, did his language convey to the sorrowing ones who were present, but his remarks upon this occasion were more on the order of a roasting lecture, delivered in such forcible language as to surprise and shock not only the best and highly respected of his congregation, but those who do not stand so well in the estimation of the very reverend sir, all of whose faces blushed with shame and remorse to realize that a man should stand in their pulpit and slur some of the best organizations, residents and denominations in our fair and free land.

We shall not go into detail, giving in language every word uttered by Father Stiek in an ungentlemanly and most certainly undeserved way, but will use a few of his remarks upon so sad an occasion, and to show the brassy, pompous, unchristianlike and selfish nature possessed by a man who hitherto we had respected and honored, and considered a man of integrity, honor and uprightness.

Concerning the Young Men's Christian Association, an organization strictly unsectarian, and one of the most religious and moral organizations on the land, the Rev. Stiek said:

"The Y. M. C. A. is a hell hole. Mothers, keep your sons from going to such a damnable place. No one attends it but high-toned society people, and it is not a fit place for Catholics."

Concerning other things relative to Protestants and the A. P. A., Rev. Stiek spoke as follows:

"There is not a good moral young man in Pana that is a Protestant. The only good young men in Pana are Catholics. I had rather stand up with a gambler, a saloon-keeper or a drunkard on the judgment day, than with a Protestant, for they will all go to hell together. No Protestant can ever go to heaven, only Catholics go to heaven. If I was to stand up with a Protestant on the last day, I would be sure to go to hell with him."

There are no true marriages outside the Catholic church, and people who are married by Protestant clergymen are not virtuous. The marriage by a Catholic priest is the only true marriage.

I understand that the Protestants and A. P. A. want all the offices. Let them take the damned offices and go to hell with them."

This was about the run of the reverend sir's remarks and we do not fear to assert that no man in Pana with any sense or judgment in the world will say that such language is fit for a priest to use, especially upon such an occasion and from his pulpit. The Palladium does not take pleasure in criticizing a minister of the gospel, Catholic or of any denomination whatever, but when a priest or minister, no matter who he is, stands up in his pulpit and uses the language used upon this occasion by Father Stiek, we feel, through justice to our readers and the public in general, that his language should be exposed to the world and criticized severely. What we have said in comment we let go for its worth, and the public can judge the remainder for themselves.—Pana (Ill.) Palladium.

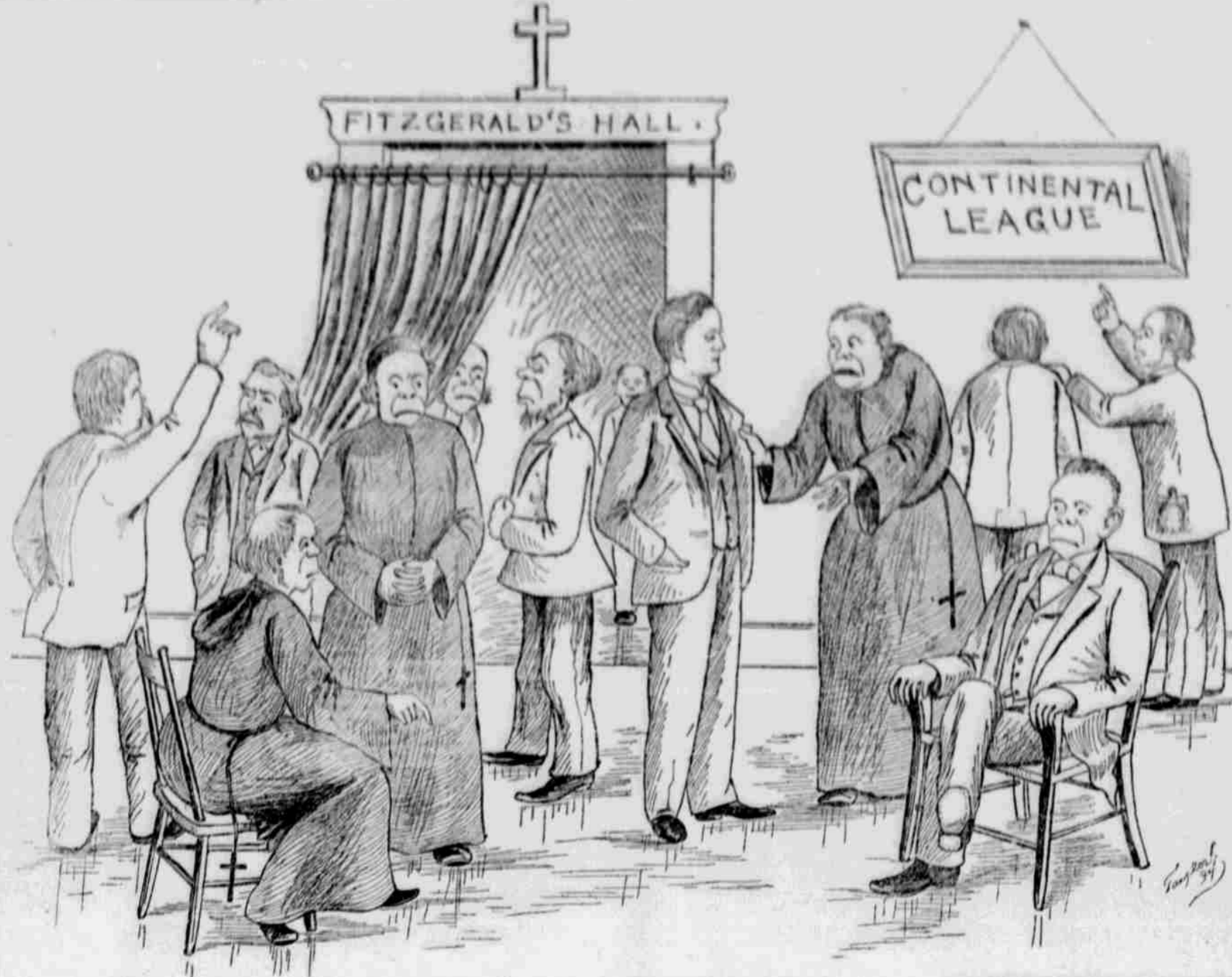
Whereas, At Pana, Ill., on February 28th last the Rev. Father Ferdinand Stiek, a Roman Catholic priest, did denounce and condemn all Protestants in most violent and abusive language, and

Whereas, it is seldom the case where a Catholic priest has the candor and honesty to publicly express his own as well as the true sentiments of the Roman Catholic church; therefore be it

Resolved, That the thanks of Prospect Council No. 6, of the American Protective Association, Kansas City, Mo., be and are hereby tendered to the said Rev. Father Stiek for his candid honesty in publicly expressing the true sentiments of the Roman Catholic church.

Resolved, That this council would be glad to secure the services of said Father Stiek for the purpose of delivering this same lecture throughout the state of Missouri and will pay liberally for the services of said Stiek.

Resolved, That the secretary be instructed to forward a copy of this pro-



amble, and resolutions, to said Father Stiek and to any Protestant paper published at Pana, Ill., with the request that said preamble and resolutions be published.

Amounts to Grand Treason.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., March 4, 1894.—Editor THE AMERICAN: I received and have distributed the copies of THE AMERICAN which you sent me. The cause is growing here. The Swedish people are swelling the American ranks in defense of the public schools. They lead among foreigners who defend public schools. They seem to Americanize readily. I have been in Lake Shore cities where our schools are almost entirely in the hands of Roman Catholic teachers. The cloud that rises over the public schools in the north is a dark one. The indifference and neglect that boards of education have shown in employing teachers is not only criminal, but it amounts to grand treason against the flag and constitution. We must arouse men to the necessity of voting for loyal Americans only, to fill places on the school boards or superintendencies. In turn they must employ loyal workers in these great factories where we turn out American voters and statesmen. The public school is our palladium, and we have been sold into the hands of the Philistines. Wishing you success, I am, respectfully,

MARTHA WASHINGTON.

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SAYS HE IS NOT A CATHOLIC.

M. J. Clerihan's "Rantings" Causing Much Uneasiness in Catholic Circles.

The Journal of the 23rd ult. had a letter from M. J. Clerihan in it.

It will be remembered that Mr. Clerihan published an article in the same paper not long since in favor of the public school and of our free institutions in general, and which article was copied in a large number of papers. Now as a reward for his publishing some of his thoughts, he is receiving all kinds of threatening letters. The following is a reply to one of them:

Editor Journal: Since the publication of my letter in the daily Journal of Jan. 23rd, ult. on the question of "Responsibility of American Citizenship," I am grateful to say that such papers as the Chicago Inter Ocean, New York Tribune, Brooklyn Eagle, Westfield (Wis.) Patriot, and a score of other papers, copied my letter, a good endorsement of its true Americanism. I also received many flattering letters of high praise and a few letters which breathed bigotry, narrow-mindedness and un-Americanism, as the following letter will fully and clearly prove:

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 19, 1894.—MR. M. J. CLERIHAN.—Sir: Your letter to the Jacksonville Journal, which the Inter Ocean of the 17th inst. very foolishly published, proves conclusively that you are not a Catholic—that you are prostituting the moral and mental training which the church has lavished upon you—that you are an enemy to God. The cause of religion would be wonderfully advanced if such men as you and such papers as publish your blasphemous rantings could be effectually and eternally "shut off."

There are now 12,000,000 Catholics in America, and the day is approaching and not far distant when such men as you will be "shut off" in all that the term implies or suggests, and to your mind the term cannot be too suggestive—for your own safety.

P. MONECHON.

The above letter needs no comment, from a bona fide American. I will only

say that the sooner Mr. Monechon takes a passage back to old Ireland, the better.

I have hesitated about giving Mr. Monechon's letter to the public before now, hoping that my people would adopt the motto of the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would that others would do unto you," but forbearance has ceased to be a virtue, as my people have adopted persecution and a boycott, and their concerted action demonstrates that there is one man power behind the throne. My Des Moines critic says, "You are not a Catholic; that you are prostituting the moral and mental training that the church has lavished upon you." My answer to this infallible prophet is that if the church "lavished" anything on me I paid for all favors, and "that you are an enemy to God." Then my friend, wipe the murky scales from your eyes. If I am an "enemy to God," then 58,000,000 of intelligent Americans are in the same boat. Mr. Monechon further on says that, "If such men as you, and such papers as publish your blasphemous rantings could be effectually and eternally shut off." This doctrine, Mr. Monechon, is only congenial to Mexico, to sunny Italy, Spain, and the advocates such as you who delegate your thinking power to be done by proxy. My "ranting" is antagonistic to the God given principle of freedom of the press and American free speech, and I tell you and all others that a country whose every hill is dotted with the little red school house will not very soon adopt your pernicious doctrine—a doctrine only in consonance with the dark ages and the one man power.

The last and closing sentence of this alien to true Americanism says that "The day is approaching and not far distant when such men as you will be shut off * * * and the term cannot be too suggestive for your own safety."

Thanks; this is very kind, but Mr. Monechon, I have received just such Clan-na-Gael epistles before, and I close by saying that for thirty-five years I have been the target for such un-American paper wads. You may Cronize me, but you cannot make me desert Old Glory or the little red school house, and your alien blandishments only uncover and removes the mask and prove to a conclusion that you and your associates have the disposition to "shut off" such men as assert their American right to do their own thinking, but the car of progress and enlightenment marches on, and here we have the liberty to investigate untrammelled by the world's curse, one man power. Americans don't have to get their politics where they get their religion, and I am one of them follows, "blasphemous rantings" to the contrary notwithstanding. Respectfully,

M. J. CLERIHAN.

Rochester, N. Y., is Wide-Awake.

The energetic and wise patriots of Rochester, N. Y., have been scattering by thousands in that city a most forcible and suggestive document, headed, "To Rochester Tax-payers," showing the amounts of money taken from the city treasury in the past five years for Protestant, Roman Catholic and un-denominational institutions. Here is the startling result:—

Table with 2 columns: Institution type and amount. Roman Catholic institutions: \$125,258.71; Protestant: \$4,822.18; Hebrew: \$113.73; Un-denominational: \$71,554.50.

Thus it will be seen that Rome has taken much more than twice as much as all others combined, while at the same time she has furnished a large proportion of the criminals and paupers

supported in city, county and state institutions. And Protestant tax payers pay nine-tenths of the taxes!

It is even worse than this in Boston.—American Citizen.

CONTINENTAL LEAGUE MEETING.

Latest Society Formed in Opposition to the American Protective Association.

The Continental League, the latest society organized in opposition to the American Protective Association, held a state convention at Fitzgerald's hall, at the corner of Adams and Halsted streets, Sunday afternoon.

The object of the league, as stated by one of the members, is to promote a spirit of patriotism and a love of American institutions, without antagonizing any political or religious element or sect. It aims to gather into its membership representatives of all nationalities and religions, and will oppose the A. P. A. and kindred organizations which are thought to disfavor foreign-born citizens.

There were 430 delegates present at Sunday's convention representing forty-three encampments and about 22,000 members. Only one lodge outside of Chicago was represented, which is in Joliet, and whose delegate was Alderman Harris, of that city.

Organizers were chosen and will be sent throughout the state to establish encampments. A weekly paper will be started as the organ of the league. It was determined to do away with the secret ritual which has heretofore prevailed, and the initiation ceremony will hereafter be public.

F. D. Phillips, of Chicago, was elected general chief and will appoint a committee some time during the week to make the necessary revision of the ritual.

FEARS THE POWER OF ROME.

Rev. S. T. Mitchell Sees Danger of America Becoming Subject to the Pope.

Rev. S. T. Mitchell, of the West End Methodist Episcopal church, preached yesterday morning on "Romanism" to a very large audience. He made some pointed references to employment of nuns as teachers in the Riverside school, expressing the opinion that the work of the directors in the premises would be set aside by the courts.

The minister chose as his text the third verse of the second chapter of the second epistle to the Thessalonians, which is as follows: "The son of perdition, who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped." He reviewed the growth of Roman Catholicism in this country, which he described as marvelous, and touched upon its teachings, practices and demands. He said in part:

"The church teaches that Peter was the successor of Christ and that the pope is the successor of Peter. He is above all temporal power and is infallible. It is the practice of the church to vary its teachings to suit circumstances and to construe the scripture to suit itself.

"It interferes with the affairs of state and demands that the young be entrusted to its care. Its position is that a man is a good man because he is a Roman Catholic, whereas the Protestants believe a man of any Christian religion can be good, it being honesty and uprightness that constitute his virtues. "In pursuance of its demand to super-

intend the education of the children, the church first charged that the schools were sectarian because the Bible was taught in them. The Bible was taken out and then it declared they were Godless.

"The real aim of the church is to have its particular kind of sectarianism inculcated at the expense of the state. The placing of the parochial school children in the Riverside school and the employment of nuns as teachers is an experiment along this line, and, if it succeeds, the same thing will be done in other places. I regard it as unconstitutional and predict that the court will decide against it.

"There is grave danger that this country will be Romanized. My reason for this fear is the character of the Catholic people, they being better here than anywhere else in the world, and the obsequiousness of politicians. New York and Chicago I pronounce more absolutely under the domination of the pope than any place in Europe, and the purposes of the church have not changed. Should it rule America, the same evils of which history convicts it would follow."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

The Usual Result.

A young lady from Higham, Mass., writes: "Last Sunday night Priest Scully spoke at an overflowing temperance meeting in Lowing hall. Both halls were filled and the speakers had to speak up stairs and then go down stairs and speak in the lower hall. Six or seven speakers were present, but Priest Scully was as interesting as any. He was the most liberal Catholic priest I ever saw. He is from Cambridge. He said that drunkenness was the curse of his church, and made fun of the actions of St. Patrick's Day and said lots of things which I should not think he would dare to say and acknowledge about his church. He wears whiskers and does not look like a priest. He also stated that he was glad to be there on the platform with his brother ministers. What do you think of that? There is a council of the A. P. A. to be organized soon in East Weymouth with about 150 members."

The Changes of Time.

A lot of school boys waited upon Acting Mayor McClellan, of New York, the other day and asked him to veto the council's order for floating the Irish flag over the city hall on St. Patrick's day. The spokesman said: "No flag but our own should be put upon public buildings. We are taught to salute the American flag every morning, and we believe it is the only flag that should be recognized." That boy was a grandson of Governor Wise, of Virginia, who refused to pardon John Brown, the abolitionist who was hanged in Virginia just before the breaking out of the civil war, and his appeal was to the son of General McClellan, the first union general to march union troops into Virginia in defense of the union. Time brings peculiar changes, and this is one of them. The grandson of a great confederate appealing to the son of a favorite union soldier for the honor of the flag of a united country has its hopeful side.—Inter Ocean.

Wanted to Denounce Romanism.

VIRGINIA, Ill., March 11.—Rev. E. L. MacWhorter, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church in this city for the past two years, resigned unexpectedly at the close of this morning's service. The subject announced for this evening was "Romanism the Greatest Foe of Liberty." To this subject the officers of the church took exceptions and Mr. MacWhorter's resignation immediately followed.

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