

The Oath.

The Mid-Catholic finds catholic people in the United States. They should separate.

Looky, the historian, should be studied by many like-warm Protestants who catholic-like are hurrying their heads in the sand as the storm approaches. He says (Hist. 18th Century, Vol. 1, chap. 1): "Catholicism, indeed, never can be looked upon merely as a religion. It is a great and highly organized kingdom, recognizing no geographical frontiers, governed by a sovereign, parading temporal politics with its manifold influence, and attracting to itself much of the enthusiasm which would otherwise flow in national channels. The intimate correspondence between its priests in many lands, the disciplined unity of their political action, the almost absolute authority they exercise over large classes, and their usually almost complete detachment from purely national or patriotic interests have often, in critical times, proved a most serious political danger, and they have sometimes pursued a temporal policy eminently aggressive, sanguinary, unscrupulous and ambitious."

To Anti-Christ.

Mr. Pececi, Mr. Purcell, he was the archbishop who got the purse and the people came to the realization of the fact that it was a sell. Therefore, the man was properly called Purcell. But why do you not make that \$4,000,000 good? Why do you not pay the 200 creditors and avoid their barking after you like a pack of hounds? You have had your Satolli to tell the people that you will pay them not a dollar more.

Now let me give you a small amount of advice. It pays to be honest. You may not "go much on religion," and think that doctrine is for children and weak-minded women, but you will find that before another century rolls around the "sell" that emanated from your organization, called a church, has reacted and you are the fellow that is "sold." The people, and the friends of this archbishop will commence a fight against you and your church; and twice the amount will not be able to erase the evil effects caused by it against your church. You are playing so wild, is it not evidence that you are nearing the end of your game. You are making enemies, fast enough, turn about and try to make some friends. ALEPH.

Papal Evol. tion.

If our contemporary is correct, we have a true account of "papal evolution." This is not the only instance; there are many and it is wonderful what a capacity the papal machine has to evolve anything that the (papal) heart can wish. We read the following: The pope has given notice that the "holy coat" of Argenteuil must not be confounded with the seamless coat of Treves, though both are to be considered genuine. As upwards of twenty coats have been asserted as a part of the apparel of Him who took no thought for what He should put on, it is not strange that this endeavor to make the matter plain to Romanists should be made.

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CANON LAW.

- 1. The constitution of princes are not sacred, but subordinate to ecclesiastical constitutions.
2. The laws of the emperor cannot be given the ecclesiastical law in various ways.
3. It is not lawful for an emperor to enact a law opposed to the apostolic rule.
4. It is not lawful for kings to usurp the laws that belong to priests.
5. No custom of anyone can prevail the contrary of the pages.
6. Let no resistance be offered to the positive canon precepts, but let them be uniformly fulfilled.
7. The pope inspired by the holy see is to whom, though it appear intolerable and insupportable.
8. The Pontiff can neither be bound nor freed by the secular power.
9. That the Pontiff was called God by the Roman Prince Constantine, and that as God he must be judged by man.
10. That as God he is far above the reach of all human law and judgment.
11. That all laws contrary to the canons and decrees of the Roman prelates are of no force.
12. That all of the ordinances of the pope are infallibly to be obeyed.
13. We ought not even to speak to the pope as if he were a man.
14. Princes are fathers and masters, even of princes.
15. The civil law is derived from man, but ecclesiastical or canon law is derived directly from God, by which the pontiff can, in connection with his prelates, make constitutions for the whole christian world.
16. Matters spiritual, concerning the salvation of souls, and the right government of the church, and if necessary judge and dispose of all the temporal goods of all christians.
17. A heretic, holding or teaching false doctrine concerning the sacraments, is excommunicated and degraded, and handed over to the secular court.
18. Secular princes unwilling to swear to defend the church against heretics are excommunicated, and they are laid under an interdiction.
19. The goods of heretics are to be confiscated and applied to the church.
20. Advocates or notaries, favoring heretics, or their defenders, or pleading for them in law suits, or writing documents for them, are infamous and suspended from office.
21. The secular powers, whether permanent or temporary, are bound to swear that they will exterminate, according to their power, all heretics condemned by the church; and a temporal lord not purging his land of heretics, is excommunicated.
22. Those signed with the cross for the extermination of heretics, rejoice in the privilege granted to the crusaders for the help of the holy land.
23. They are absolved from all obligations who are in anywise bound to heretics.
24. Whoever dies in battle against the unbelieving, merits the kingdom of heaven.
25. We do not esteem those homicides, to whom it may have happened in their zeal for their mother church against the excommunicated, to kill some of them.
26. That Catholic Princes are bound, both by civil and common law, not to receive or tolerate heretics, and much more are not to permit their rites, or other exercise of their religion, or rather, their false sect, but are most solemnly bound everywhere, to repel and expel them.
27. The following temporal punishments are to be enforced on heretics: 1st--Infamy, and the consequent disqualifications for all civil acts. 2nd--Interdiction, as well active as passive (that is, they can neither make nor will inherit what is left to them by others). 3rd--Loss of paternal power over children. 4th--Loss of dowry, and other privileges granted to women. 5th--Confiscation of all goods. 6th--That vassals and slaves and others are free from all, even sworn obligations due to their lord or another. 7th--Capital corporal punishment, especially death, and perpetual imprisonment.
28. The canon law forbids all toleration.
29. That metropolitans and bishops are to excommunicate him who grants liberty of conscience.
30. No oath is to be kept toward heretic princes, lords or others.
31. Heretics are to be deprived of all civil and paternal rights.
32. The pope can absolve from all oaths.
33. Every bishop is ordinary judge in a cause of heresy. The reason is because the bishops can ex-officio, and ought to extirpate heretics, and inflict upon them the due punishments, and to this are bound on pain of deposition. Besides, are the inquisitors especially deputed by the apostolic see. Every bishop in his diocese is thought to be, and in reality is, a natural inquisitor, literally horn inquisitor, so as to have the same power with those already mentioned in a cause of heresy.
34. In every promissory oath, although absolutely taken, there are certain conditions tacitly understood, as ought which are: 1st--If I can; 2nd--To save the right and authority of a superior; 3rd--When the oath supposes the honor of the apostolic see to be illit.
35. That the council of Trent, (the last and great authority of Rome), decrees and commands that the sacred canons and all general councils, also the other apostolic enactments issued in favor of ecclesiastical persons of ecclesiastical liberty, and against its violators, all of which by this present decree it renews, and must be exactly observed by all.

CARDINAL'S OATH.

"I, [name] cardinal of the Holy Roman church, do promise and swear that, from this time to the end of my life, I will be faithful and obedient unto St. Peter, the holy apostolic Roman church, and our most holy lord, the pope of Rome, and his successors, canonically and lawfully elected: that I will give no advice, consent or assistance against the pontifical majesty and person; that I will never knowingly and advisedly, to their injury or disgrace, make public the councils entrusted to me by themselves, or by messengers or letters; also that I will give them any assistance in retaining, defending and recovering the Roman papacy and the regalia of Peter, with all my might and endeavor, so far as the rights and privileges of my order will allow it, and will defend them against all their honor and state, and I will direct and defend, with due form and honor, the legates and nuncios of the apostolic see, in the territories, churches, monasteries and other benefices committed to my keeping; and I will cordially co-operate with them and treat them with honor in their coming, abiding and returning, and that I will resist unto blood all persons whatsoever who shall attempt anything against them. That I will, by every way and by every means strive to preserve, augment and advance the rights, honors, privileges, the authority of the Holy Roman bishop, our lord the pope and his before mentioned successors, and that, at whatever time anything shall be decided to their prejudice, which is out of my power to hinder, as soon as I shall know that any steps or measures have been taken in the matter, I will make it known to the same, our lord or his successors, or some other person by whose means it may be brought to their knowledge. That I will keep and carry

out and cause others to keep and carry out the rules of the holy father, the decrees, sentences, instructions, laws, canons, provisions, apostolic mandata and rescripts, and the Holy Father's letters, of high authority, as in visiting the thresholds of the apostolic certain prescribed things, according to the tenor of that which I have just read through. That I will seek out and oppose, prosecute and fight against all heretics, schismatics, schismatical sects, heretical schismatics, and all those who are in the pope of Rome, and his before mentioned successors, and this I will do with every possible effect."

BISHOP'S OATH.

"I, [name] bishop of the District of [name], from henceforward will be faithful and obedient to St. Peter the Apostle and to the Holy Roman church, and to our lord, the holy pope of Rome, and to his successors, canonically succeeding. I will neither advise, consent nor do anything that they may lose life or member, or that their persons may be seized, or hands in any wise laid upon them, or any injuries offered to them, under any previous whatsoever. The vicinal keys, which they shall intrust me by themselves, their messengers or letters, I will not knowingly reveal to any, to their prejudice. I will help them to defend and keep the Roman papacy and the royalties of St. Peter against all men. I will humbly treat and help in his necessities. The rights, honors, privileges and authority of the Holy Roman church of our lord, the pope, and his before said successors, I will endeavor to preserve, defend, increase and advance. I will not in any counsel, action or treaty, in which shall be plotted against our said lord and Roman church, anything to the hurt or prejudice of their persons, rights, honor, state or power, and, if I shall know any such thing to be treated or agitated by any whatsoever, I will hinder it to my utmost, and as soon as I can, I will signify it to our said lord. The ordinances and mandates of the pope, I will observe with all my might and cause to be observed by others. "I do further promise and declare that I will not persecute and oppress." "Heretics, schismatics et rebelles eidem Domino nostro vel successoribus predictis prosequar et oppugnabo." "I will come to a council when I am called, I will visit the threshold of the apostles every three years and give an account of our lord of all my pastoral office and of the things belonging to my diocese to the discipline of my clergy and people. I will in like manner humbly receive and diligently execute the apostolic commands. If I am detained by a lawful impediment, I will perform the aforesaid by a member of my chapter or a priest of my diocese, fully instructed in all things above mentioned. The possessions belonging to my table, I will neither sell nor otherwise alienate without consulting the Roman pontiff, so help me God and these holy gospels of God." (Signature)

SENT TO THE ROMISH MANAGER PRIEST'S OATH.

"I, [name], now in the presence of Almighty God, the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed Michael the Archangel, the blessed St. John the Baptist, the Holy Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul and the Saints and the Sacred Host of Heaven, and to you, my lord, I do declare from my heart, without mental reservation that the pope is Christ's vicar-general and is the true and only head of the universal church throughout the earth, and that, by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given to his holiness by Jesus Christ he has power to depose heretical kings, princes, states, commonwealths and governments, all being illegal without his sacred confirmation, and that they may safely be destroyed. Therefore, to the utmost of my power, I will defend this doctrine and his holiness' rights and customs against all usurpers of the Protestant authority whatsoever, especially against the now pretended authority and church in England and all adherents, in regard that they be usurpal and heretical, opposing the sacred mother church of Rome.

"I do denounce and disown any allegiance as due to any Protestant king, prince or state or obedience to any of their inferior officers. I do further declare the doctrine of the church of England, of the Calvinists, Huguenots and other Protestants, to be damnable and those to be damned who will not forsake the same.

"I do further declare that I will help, assist and advise all or any of his holiness' agents in any place wherever I shall be, and to do my utmost to extirpate the Protestant doctrine and to destroy all their pretended power, regal or otherwise. I do further promise and declare that, notwithstanding I may be permitted by dispensation to assume any heretical religion (Protestant denominations) for the propagation of the mother church's interest, to keep secret and private all her agents' counsels as they entrust me, and not divulge, directly or indirectly, by word, writing or circumstances whatsoever, but to execute all which shall be proposed, given in charge or discovered unto me by you, my most reverend lord and bishop.

"All of which I, [name], do swear by the blessed Trinity and blessed Sacrament which I am about to receive, to perform on my part to keep inviolably, and do call on all the Heavenly and Glorious Host of Heaven to witness my real intentions to keep this my oath.

"In testimony whereof, I take this most holy and blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist, and witness the same further with my consecrated hand, in the presence of my holy bishop and all the priests who assist him in my ordination to the priesthood."

EXTREME OATH OF THE JESUITS.

"I, [name], now in the presence of Almighty God, the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed Michael the archangel, the blessed St. John the Baptist, the holy apostles St. Peter and St. Paul and the saints and sacred host of heaven, and to you my ghostly father, the superior general of the society of Jesus founded by Saint Ignatius, Loyola in the pontification of Paul the Third, and continued to the present, do, by the words of the virgin, the matrix of God, and the rod of Jesus Christ, declare and swear that his holiness, the pope, is Christ's vice-gerent, and is the true and only head of the Catholic or universal church throughout the earth; and that by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given to his holiness by my Savior, Jesus Christ, he hath power to depose heretical kings, princes, states, commonwealths, and governments, all being illegal without his sacred confirmation, and they may be safely destroyed. Therefore, to the utmost of my power, I will defend this doctrine and his holiness' right and custom against all usurpers of the heretical or Protestant authority whatsoever, especially the Lutheran church of Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, and the now pretended authorities and churches of England and Scotland, and branches of the same now established in Ireland, and on the continent of America and elsewhere, and all adherents in regard that they be usurpal and heretical, opposing the sacred mother church of Rome.

"I do now renounce and disown any allegiance as due to any heretical king, prince or state, named Protestant or Liberals or

subordinate to any of their laws, constitutions or offices.

"I do further declare that the doctrine of the church of England and Scotland, of the Calvinists, Huguenots and others of the name of Protestant or Liberals, to be damnable, and they themselves to be damned who will not forsake the same.

"I do further declare that I will help, assist and advise all or any of his holiness' agents in any place wherever I shall be, in Great Britain, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, England, Iceland, America, or in any other kingdom or territory, I shall come to, and do my utmost to extirpate the heretical Protestant or Liberal doctrine, and to destroy all their pretended power, regal or otherwise.

"I do further promise and declare that, notwithstanding I am disposed with to assume any religion heretical for the propagation of the mother church's interest, to keep secret and private all her agents' counsels from time to time, as they entrust me, and not to divulge, directly or indirectly, by word, writing or circumstances whatever, but to execute all that shall be proposed, given in charge, or discovered unto me, by you my ghostly father, or any of this sacred convent.

"I do further promise and declare that I will have no opinion or will of my own or any mental reservation whatsoever, even as a corpse or cadaver (perish an cadaver, but will unhesitatingly obey each and every command that I may receive from my superiors in the militia of the pope and of Jesus Christ.

"That I will go to any part of the world whithersoever I may be sent, to the frozen regions of the north, the burning sands of the desert of Africa, or the plains of India, to the centers of civilization of Europe, or to the wild haunts of the barbarous savages of America, without murmuring or repining, and will be subservient in all things whatsoever, communicated to me.

"I do furthermore promise and declare that I will, when opportunity presents, make and wage relentless war, secretly or openly, against heretics, Protestants and Liberals as I am directed to do, to extirpate them from the face of the whole earth, and that I will spare neither age, sex or condition, and that I will hang, burn, waste, boil, flay, strangle and bury alive these infamous heretics; rip up the stomachs and wombs of their women and crush their infants' heads against the walls in order to annihilate their execrable race. That when the same cannot be done openly, I will secretly use the poisonous cup, the strangulating cord, the steel of the poniard, or the leaden bullet, regardless of the honor, rank, dignity or authority of the person or persons, whatever may be their condition in life, either public or private, as far as any time may be directed so to do by any agent of the pope or superior of the brotherhood of the holy father, of the society of Jesus.

"In confirmation of which I hereby dedicate my life, my soul and all corporeal powers, and with this dagger which I now receive, I will subscribe my name, written in my blood, in testimony thereof; and should I prove false or weaken in my determination, may my brethren and fellow soldiers of the militia of the pope cut off my hands and my feet, and my throat from ear to ear, my belly opened and sulphur burned therein, with all the punishment that can be inflicted upon me on earth and my soul be tortured by demons in an eternal hell forever.

"All of which I, [name], do swear by the blessed Trinity, and blessed sacrament which I am now to receive, to perform, and on my part to keep inviolably, and do call all the heavenly and glorious host of heaven to witness these my real intentions to keep this my oath.

"In testimony hereof, I take this most holy and blessed sacrament of the eucharist, and witness the same further, with my name written with the point of this dagger, dipped in my own blood, and seal in the face of this holy convent.

ADVISE MGR. SATOLLI TO GO HOME

POLISH CATHOLICS OF CLEVELAND WRITE DEFILANTLY TO THE ABLEGATE.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 16.—Again the rebellion among the Poles of St. Stanislaus' Roman Catholic Church has broken out. Bishop Horstmann and Mgr. Satolli refused to remove the priest, Rev. R. Rosinski, and in answer to a letter from the papal ablegate refusing to receive a delegation of the protesting members, they have written him a letter in a defiant strain, declaring that they will have the priest arrested, and advising Satolli to leave the United States if he has no authority to right wrongs. A movement is also on foot to form an independent church, for which purpose a meeting will be held on Sunday.

Romanists After the Regency.

There promises to be an interesting fight over the election of a regent of the university to succeed the late Bishop McNinery, of this city. Among the candidates are Rev. Mr. Malone, of Brooklyn; Bishop Gabriels, of Ogdensburg, and Bishop McQuade, of Rochester, all Roman Catholics. The argument is made that as the deceased regent was a Romanist his successor should be of that faith.

Rowland Hennerhassett Mahoney, of Buffalo, ex-minister to Ecuador, was here yesterday lobbying against the candidacy of Bishop McQuade. He is supposed to be representing Bishop Ryan, of the Buffalo diocese. Bishop McQuade is an enemy of the public school system, while Bishop Ryan stands for the liberal and Americanized element in the church.—Mail and Express, (New York), February 23.

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