

NUNS ARE RULED OUT

Of the Riverside Public School in Pittsburg.

Central Board Against Them - Very Discreetly Withdrawn the Next Day.

Sectarian interference in the public schools—as illustrated by the attempt to introduce Roman Catholic nuns as teachers in the Thirty-fourth ward school of this city—has been severely rebuked. The Central Board of Education met Tuesday evening, and, as predicted by THE AMERICAN last week, condemned the scheme and refused to permit the nuns to serve, as such, in the capacity of teachers.

When the central board convened, there was a full attendance, and the very first matter considered was the Riverside school case. Action was brought about by the introduction by Dr. Alex. McCandless of the following:

Resolved, That the wearing by any of the teachers in the schools of this city, during school hours, in school rooms, of any garb or dress distinctive of and indicating any religious order, or any attachments or adornments to their person symbolic of any such order or of any of the teachings of any particular religion or creed, is sectarian in the spirit and meaning of Section 2, Article X, of the constitution of this State, viz: "No money raised for the support of the public schools of the commonwealth shall be appropriated to, or used for the support of any sectarian school."

Resolved, That no warrant shall be drawn for the pay of any teacher in the public schools when, during his or her service as teacher he or she has worn in the school any such garb or dress distinctive of, and indicating any religious order or any attachments or adornments to person symbolic of any such religious order or symbolic of the teachings of any particular religion or creed.

After some discussion a vote was taken, which resulted 29 to 2 in favor of the resolution. Those voting no were Messrs. Brophy and Sheehan. Mr. Brophy represents the Raiston sub-district, and Mr. Sheehan the Riverside sub-district, which includes the Thirty-fourth ward.

As soon as the vote was announced Mr. Sheehan jumped to his feet and asked for five additional teachers for the Riverside school. Dr. McCandless moved to refer the request to the Committee on Teachers and Salaries with power to act, the usual course when new teachers are asked for. W. R. Ford moved to amend by striking out the words "with power to act," and this amendment prevailed by a vote of 18 to 13.

Dr. McCandless asked what was to be done at the Riverside school. The committee could not report for a month and no teachers could be granted until it did. Mr. Sheehan asked what was to become of the children during the month.

President McKelvey answered that the board had refused the committee power to act and nothing could be done unless that action was reconsidered. Before such a motion could be presented a motion to adjourn prevailed.

While this action effectually settled the matter, so far as the right of the nuns to act as teachers and draw salary from the public funds was concerned, there still existed some doubt of the willingness of the ward directors, who are in sympathy with the movement, to accept the decision as an ultimatum. It was feared that, having already transferred the parochial school pupils to the public school, they might insist on retaining them there, and practically use the public school buildings for parochial purposes. It transpired, however, that they realized the overwhelming sentiment against them, and on the day following the action of the Central board, the nuns were notified that their services would be no longer required, and they need not report for duty again.

One of the conservative members of the Riverside school board, Mr. J. F. Minnick, said in an interview on Wednesday:

"The nuns were told at dismissal today that they would not be required to teach any longer. We did not precisely have a regular meeting, but we decided on that at once as the result of receiving an intimation from Father Cosgrove that he and the head of the convent had decided to withdraw the sisters. I think Mr. Slattery was rather glad than otherwise, as he has been worried by the fuss over the matter, and when we went there this afternoon he occurred it was the best thing to do. This will result, of course, in all or most of the children returning to the St. James Parochial. How many, I do not know until morning, but there were 220 in the Riverside from there to-day.

"We reached this decision on finding that the Protestants would not allow the thing to be done. We first talked of it about a year ago, and our only object in making the endeavor was to get comfortable school rooms for our children instead of uncomfortable ones. The return of parochial pupils will affect the convent somewhat, as the school cannot support all the nuns

brought them since the beginning of the experiment. Only two of the night who passed the examination belonged to St. James. We pay 30 cents a month or 45 a year for each child, and that will not support the convent. If any scholars remain behind at Riverside we shall, of course, ask for a teacher for them.

"I don't know what will become of the suit entered against us, but I should think this would settle it."

The suit referred to by Mr. Minnick, is one that was entered Tuesday morning, the day the Central Board was to meet. It was presented in Common Pleas Court, No. 3, and is in the form of a petition for an injunction to restrain the Riverside school board from employing nuns as teachers. Judge McClung fixed upon March 24 as the day for arguments upon the petition. The petitioners are W. T. Keen, Jas. Whiteside, Charles Gangloff, Charles Wessel, Charles H. T. Fresso, George E. McKewen, A. M. Baxter, and W. S. McCatchen, of whom Messrs. Gangloff, Wessel and Fresso are residents and taxpayers in the Riverside school district.

The nuns are described as " itinerant teachers of the parochial school of the Roman Catholic church, recently put in charge of such parochial school in said ward, and transferred with the scholars thereof, on February 26, 1894, and now engaged as teachers in the public school of that district."

It is asserted to be the duty of the school directors to "control, manage and conduct said public schools with due regard to the religious liberty and rights of conscience of each and all, on a purely non-sectarian basis and without preference to any religious establishments or modes of worship, or distinction of one religious sect or following over another; and by the constitution are prohibited from appropriating or using money raised for the support of the public schools of said district for the support of any sectarian school."

The engagement of the Catholic teachers and the removal to the public school of the pupils of the parochial are held to be a violation of the duty to keep the schools purely non-sectarian. It is claimed that the children from the parochial school are kept separate from other children, and that the Catholic teachers wear a distinctive religious garb as an insignia of the church and order to which they belong. It is also held to be a violation of the law to receive and teach in the Riverside school children from the parochial schools who are not residents of this city.

The result of the new arrangement is declared to be to make the parochial school a department of the public school to be supported as a sectarian school out of the public fund.

A temporary injunction, afterward to be made permanent, is prayed for.

Whether this suit will be pressed, under the existing circumstances, is not known, but there seems little occasion for it, in view of the action of the Central board, and the consequent withdrawal of the nuns. There are many who think the suit should not have been entered previous to the meeting of the board, particularly as it was presented only a few hours before that body assembled.—Pittsburg American.

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