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## PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

Statistics Show They Are an Evil and Should Be Abolished.

Rome Not a Christian Religion—Kate Field and the A. P. A.—News From Dixon, Ill.—Romish Blasphemy.

We have in every state of the union, public school systems more or less efficient and complete. In most of the states ample provision has been made in the way of buildings and teachers, for every child in them. Now, after these schools have had time to demonstrate their utility, we can estimate the results of our public school system and inquire whether it has accomplished its desired end. Although we are all ready to admit its beneficial results as a whole, yet there is a conviction that it has not accomplished all that was expected of it, or all that we had a right to expect of it. The reason for this is the fact that all our children do not attend these schools. Why do they not attend our schools? We have made our schools more complete, more efficient, more attractive and more pleasant and comfortable, and still the children do not come. Why is it? Because the parents cannot afford it? Bosh! In Illinois and several other states there are laws requiring parents to send their children to school a certain number of months every year. Yet these states have no better average of attendance at their schools than their sister states. It would seem from this that the poverty of the parents has not the effect on this question that it appears to have. The real cause of the non-attendance at our public schools is the fact that there are in all our states what are known as parochial schools. Institutions of learning where young Irish-America is taught how to bow to the will of God as represented by Pope Leo XIII. and his priests. Incidentally, young Irish-America is taught some few common school studies and enough Latin to enable him to act as an altar boy. In short, he is educated to an extent sufficient to enable him to serve the great and good church of Rome wherever he may be.

Our people will persist in complaining of the inefficiency of our public school system, and they also persist in sending a lot of graduates of these parochial schools to our legislature. These legislators, good Roman Catholics, pass a bill appropriating money for the support of our public schools and include parochial in it in the word public. And yet this word parochial is only public as regards being a public disgrace. Why should we pay taxes to support the training schools of the richest and most grasping church the world has ever known? Do these schools provide such excellent means of instruction, or graduate such exemplary young men that we feel bound to contribute to their support? As regards their course of instruction, I will prove at any time or in any place, that their school hours are of the same length as those in the public school, (i. e. from 9 a. m. to 3 or 3:30 p. m.) I will also prove that in these parochial schools, one hour and a half each day is devoted to the Roman Catholic religion. Are these Roman Catholic children so much smarter than Protestant children that they can study an hour and a half less each day and learn just as much as the others do? I think not. As for the graduates they turn out, let me give you a few figures. Twenty-three per cent of the pupils of the United States attend these parochial schools. Ninety-nine per cent of the pupils of the parochial schools are Roman Catholics. Twenty-nine per cent of the religious population of the United States are Roman Catholics. From these figures it appears that most or nearly all of our Roman Catholics are educated in the parochial schools. As a result nearly all our Roman Catholic population who are born or raised in America are or will be graduates of these parochial schools. Ergo! The parochial schools educate the Roman Catholics. Having shown this I offer the following figures all of which are authentic and can be substantiated:

Graduates of parochial schools, NINETY-NINE per cent Roman Catholic.  
Inmates of penitentiaries, EIGHTY-SEVEN per cent Roman Catholic.  
Inmates of Magdalen asylums, SEVENTY-ONE per cent Roman Catholic.  
Inmates of houses of correction, NINETY-FOUR per cent Roman Catholic.  
Executed murderers for last twenty years, SEVENTY-EIGHT per cent Roman Catholic.  
Criminals who have been convicted, average EIGHTY-FOUR per cent Roman Catholic.  
It seems to me from the figures given



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above, that the parochial schools are educating the great mass of our criminal population.

Why not stop this evil, and give our public schools a fair chance by abolishing one of our greatest evils, the Roman Catholic training schools, better known as parochial schools.

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### NOT A CHRISTIAN RELIGION.

Action of a Priest in Sedalia, Mo., Shows What Rome Really Is.

Fred W. Hengen, a good and highly-respected young man of this city, was accidentally drowned in the Monticau creek, near this city Sunday morning, May 29th, 1894.

By the request and desire of the father and mother, whose members of the Catholic church, the dead body was laid to rest in the Catholic graveyard at 3 o'clock the following day.

The burial was attended by a large concourse of relatives and friends. The affair was rendered extremely sad by the refusal of the priest to conduct funeral service over the young man's body either at the church or the grave.

About two hours before the funeral should have taken place the priest sent for the father of the young man and asked him if the son had attended confession and taken sacrament Easter Sunday. The father told him that his son had not performed that obligation, and the priest refused to hold service over the dead body, stating as his reason that it would be against the laws of the church. The father then appealed to the priest to hold funeral service at the grave, which he refused to do. All the comfort which he claimed was in his power to bestow upon the bereaved father and mother was to leave the city by an afternoon train so the impression would be that he was out of the city and could not attend the funeral. The priest said he would do that much through respect which he had for the father and mother.

The young man failing to attend confession and take sacrament on Easter Sunday had, in the eyes of the priest, sacrificed all his rights with God and man, and was unworthy a Christian burial. Had the young man taken sacrament on Easter Sunday and his Easter Sunday offering had been a liberal amount of cash his soul would have been young saving. The young man's friends and the

public generally, would be pleased to know where the Christianity comes in and if such acts are not acts of heathenism in its most putrid type. What kind of religion do you call this? Will it save a soul or will it damn a soul? Truth is truth and will hurt no man and if this priest be not a devil let him explain his acts. There is no Christian law in truth which prohibits a minister or a priest from performing duties which humanity, common sense and decency require. CITIZEN.

SEDALIA, Mo., June 12.

### WIELDED THE AXE.

Fifteen Officers Summarily Dismissed From the Police Force.

For some time past it has been generally expected that the board of fire and police commissioners would take some decided steps towards reorganizing the police force of this city, but the action taken by the board at their adjourned meeting Wednesday evening came as a good deal of a surprise party to several members of the force, as fifteen of them now are without a job. The names of those dismissed are: Captain Thomas Cormick, Sergeant William H. Shoop, Detective J. M. Vaughn, Court Officer V. B. Walker, Patrol Conductor Al Keyser, Patrolmen Charles Bloom, G. W. Bruce, E. F. Burrows, A. Salter, S. Dubois, Patrick Foley, John Brady, S. D. Corey, J. R. O'Gorman and S. G. Hoff.

It is generally understood that the commissioners are not through with the matter yet but that several more officers are slated for retirement into private life. The fire department is also to undergo a thorough overhauling at their hands.

### MET IN CONVENTION.

Nebraska State League of Republican Clubs Open the Campaign.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 12.—The State League of Republican clubs met in convention here at the Lansing theater. There were over 2,000 delegates present from all parts of the state. Hon. John M. Thurston and Congressman Grosvenor, of Ohio, both made powerful speeches which aroused considerable enthusiasm. Frank W. Collins was elected president of the state league for the ensuing year and M. H. Waring secretary. A great deal of interest was centered in the election of delegates from the several congressional

districts to the national convention which will be held in Denver the latter part of this month. The following delegates were elected from the Second congressional district after a very exciting caucus: John L. Webster as delegate-at-large, L. W. Osborne, Herman Timme, James H. Kyner and Dick Smith. The result of the caucus was deemed a sweeping victory for "Americanism." John Rush, the Roman Catholic nominee, only managing to secure 31 votes. William F. Boehel made a regular show of himself when the result of the caucus was declared and used language that to say the least was decidedly unparliamentary.

### Kate Field and the A. P. A.

Miss Kate Field, of Washington, D. C., says [May 9th] she "deplores the A. P. A. on the ground that it is unconstitutional, un-American, and would defeat its own object, as it would solidify the opposition and possibly lead to a conflict of religions, than which nothing can be more deplorable."

If this lady will look at article one of the constitution of the United States of America, she will see the following: "Congress shall make no law respecting establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press;" and yet these Romanists maintain that you and your wife are living in sin and adultery and that your children are illegitimate because you were not married by a priest, but by a Protestant minister. Their motto: "Catholicism first, patriotism afterwards." The Romanist endeavors to prohibit the free exercise of the religion of the Protestant, and thus violates the constitution of the United States. Benedict Arnold was an angel compared with the dago pope, whose sub-monitors under the guise of apostles secretly work for Rome and outwardly pretend to be "patriots."

It would seem from the priest-ridden assertions of Miss Kate Field's article that the A. P. A. movement is "un-American" because it is something which prevents foreigners from running this country to suit themselves.

As to the A. P. A. movement defiling its own objects, let us look at the history of the organization. It is growing at a great rate, and will shortly have no need of such criticisms from Rome.

Miss Field says: "Look at the number of Catholics who made up the rank

and file of the union army." Let us answer. Who murdered Lincoln? An emissary of the pope. Who slaughtered Garfield? A Roman Catholic. Who killed Carter Harrison? A Catholic, to save Coughlin [another Roman Catholic] from the gallows. Who furnished 75 per cent of the deserters from the union ranks during the war of 1861? The Roman Catholics. What proportion of the union ranks were Roman Catholics? Three out of twenty.

And yet Miss Field says these patriots are "patriots."

merciful God save America from these "patriots" and from Rome. JUNIUS.

### Would Blow Up a Hall.

DIXON, Ill., June 8.—Editor THE AMERICAN: Inclosed you will find a list of names. Please send sample copy of THE AMERICAN to same. Our council is growing nicely, and we get fifty copies of THE AMERICAN every week. You can expect to send more in a little while.

We have had a very hard time of it here. The Roman Catholics, as soon as they found out where we were holding our meetings, threatened the owner of the building and told him they would blow it up, break all his windows and boycott his business if he allowed the A. P. A. to hold meetings in his hall, and by threats of boycott they scared the owners of all the other halls, so it was impossible for us to rent one in which to hold our meetings. But we rented a flat and furnished our own hall and named it Liberty Hall. It cost the boys \$150 to furnish our hall. We are going to put out our transparency at our next meeting. Yours fraternally, SECRETARY.

### Romish Blasphemy.

The following extract from a book by a Romish ecclesiastic, is quoted in the Christian Intelligencer:

"A book by Abbe Gaume, says: 'What language of man can speak of the dignity of the priesthood and the greatness of the priest. He is a man who every day, when he pleases, opens the gates of heaven, and addressing himself to the Son of the Eternal—to the Monarch of the World, says to Him, "Descend from your throne. Come!" Do lie at the voice of this man, the Word of God, He by whom all things were made, instantly descends from the seat of His glory and incarnates Himself in the hands of this

man; and the man says to Him: "Thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee. Thou art my victim." And He lets Himself be immolated by this man, placed where he wills, given to whom he chooses. This man is the priest."

### A Scoundrel.

During the trial of Priest Leydon at Aurora, Ill., for the seduction of Stessia Cummings, James Cummings, an uncle of the plaintiff, testified to the following: "Leydon told the mother he would marry Stessia to a nice man in Chicago and it would be all right. He named four other women whom he said were as highly respected now as any in Aurora, who had had like trouble." Yet, when a lecturer dares to assert from the platform that these immoralities are frequent in the Romish church, he is banished by the priests, blamed by the press and cursed by the public. It would appear from the above evidence that the prostitution of female members of the Romish church is quite frequent, and that husbands are converted into cuckold in order that priests may carry on their Lotharian intrigues.—Patriotic American.

### Knew Whereof He Spoke.

In 1868 Lord Beaconsfield, then plain Benjamin Disraeli, said: "We are sinking beneath a power of which the nations most devoted to freedom have been enslaved—the power of a foreign priesthood. Your empire and your liberties are more in danger at this moment than when the army of invasion was encamped at Boulogne. I repeat that the crisis of England is fast arriving. The High Church Ritualists and the Irish followers of the pope have been in secret combination. I know the almost super-human power of this combination. They have their hand almost on the realm of England. Under the guise of liberalism they are, as they think, about to seize upon the supreme authority of the realm." Prophetic words all will admit.

### Church Property Taxed.

The following interesting note is from a San Francisco paper:

"We note that our eastern friends are still debating about the taxation of church property. In this state church property is taxed, and we hear of no churches that have given up the ghost on that account. If all churches taught nothing except what is to the interest of the citizen and of the state, it might be easier to show the wisdom of no tax on church property. But when a church which devotes itself to amassing millions of dollars' worth of property teaches that the mandate of a foreigner "should be obeyed sharp as the click of a trigger"—when this church mobs public lecturers and attempts to overthrow free speech, it is not so easy to see why its tax should be remitted."

The state of Washington also imposes a tax on church property.

### Simply Transferred.

The Roman Catholic priest who about two years ago, while pastor at Raleigh, N. C., was tried for his life on a charge of rape upon a young girl, a member of his congregation named Miss Whitaker, and escaped punishment for his crime on some slight technicality. Although the evidence was conclusive enough to convict him, he was simply transferred by the "Holy" church to another parish and is now ministering to another congregation in the South. Rape, when committed by a priest, is evidently not considered a crime by that peculiar, so-called religious denomination.

### Must Pay Taxes.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 8.—City Attorney Hamilton today decided that the property of Archbishop Katzer is subject to taxation. The property comprises an entire block between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets at Cold Springs avenue. The block is platted into twenty-eight lots. Archbishop Katzer bought the property a few years ago of the Hinkle estate for \$65,000 and spent a large sum improving the house. It was deemed to him personally and the deed is recorded in his name.

### Duluth News.

The trial of A. B. Lange, editor of Scandia, charged with criminal libel by Dr. Phelan, has not come to an end as yet. It has been a case of indict and quash. Lange was arrested twice and twice discharged by the court. A third attempt has been made and now we await a trial. ZENITH.

### Thursday Was Flag Day.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 10.—The National Board of management of the Daughters of the American Revolution adopted a resolution that June 14 be observed by the daughters as flag day, displaying the national emblem from their homes.

The man who is afraid to be known as an A. P. A. ought to step out of the ranks and make room for a braver and better man. No reformation was ever brought about by cowards.