

LEO'S STRONG WORDS.

He Addresses a Large Audience in an Eloquent Manner.

He Quotes Some Eminent Churchmen and Church Papers to Show the Attitude of the Church Toward State Schools.

The following address was delivered by Leo J. R. Richardson before an enthusiastic audience in Elgin:

MR. CHAIRMAN AND CITIZENS OF ELGIN: If I fail to meet your expectations it will be from the fact that I, like thousands of others, have been defrauded out of the opportunity of a longer course in the common schools of the country.

The cause of such meetings as this is not of our own making. The reasons why the American Protective Association was born, and should live and receive the approbation of every loyal and country-loving citizen, I shall endeavor to explain in a humble and honest way. The first witness to the charge of treason of the political Roman Catholic church is Cardinal Manning, one of the greatest leaders in the Romish church, who said, "It is a duty to obey the civil law so long as it does not oppose faith." I refer you to Donahue's Magazine of 1888; he also endorsed a book written by a Jesuit priest, Father Shope. In the book are these words: "The civil laws are binding on the conscience only so long as they are conformable to the principles of the true church." I always supposed that this government was for the people, by the people, and of the people; but according to Cardinal Manning we have a government of the church, by the priest, and for the pope.

Cardinal Manning said another pertinent thing. He said that a contract to which Rome was not a party, made by a Roman Catholic, is not binding unless ratified by Rome.

We are electing men to office who are a part of this system. We have trusted them, because distrust is not one of our American principles. But when we discover that the promise which a congressman makes to his constituents is not binding unless ratified by Rome, when we learn, in the event of a conflict of duties, he must obey Rome, then it is time to consider if this trust is to be continued. Then it is time for the American people to say whether they will have home rule or Rome rule in America. This religious-political institution, called a church, says: "Catholics would not be satisfied with our system of public schools even if the Bible and every vestige of religion were out of them." We say they should be quarantined at Castle Garden. The leading prelates of the Roman church say that our schools are godless, and that education therein fits the children for the penitentiary. If that is the case the Roman Catholic church has a large number of teachers headed for Joliet, because a very large portion of the teachers in the public schools are members of the Roman Catholic church.

If it is not tiresome, I would like to quote some Roman doctrine practiced here—they are mostly clippings from Catholic papers and magazines:

Gladstone says: "No more cunning plot was ever devised against the freedom, the happiness, and the virtue of mankind, than Romanism."

"The Catholic religion, with all its votes ought to be exclusively dominant in such sort that every other worship shall be banished and interdicted.—Pope Pius IX.

"Protestantism has no principle or consistency. It was the creation of a drunken, thieving and lustful mob, and consequently must always act as the mob dictates.—Western Recorder, Omaha Roman organ.

The Toledo Catholic Review thus boldly advised the Roman Catholics of this country: "Catholic votes should be cast solidly for the democracy at the next election. It is the only possible hope of breaking down the school system." Do Illinoisians want this?

"The public schools have produced nothing but a Godless generation of thieves and blackguards.—Priest Schaur.

"I frankly confess that the Catholics stand before this country as the enemies of the public schools.—Priest Phelan.

"I would as soon administer the sacrament to a dog as to Christians who send their children to the public schools.—Priest Walker.

We would much rather our children should grow up in ignorance than be taught in a school that is not Catholic.—Catholic Quarterly Review.

"The Roman Catholic citizen of the United States owes no allegiance to any principle of the government which is condemned by church or pope.—Tablet.

"The public schools are the nurseries of vice; they are Godless schools, and those who send their children to them cannot expect the mercy of God.—Priest Walker.

"Let the public school system go to where it came from—the devil. We want Christian schools, and the state cannot tell us what Christianity is.—Freeman's Romish Journal.

"Catholics would not be satisfied with the public schools even if the Protestant Bible, and every vestige of religious teaching were banished from them.—Boston Advertiser.

If allegiance to the church demanded of us opposition to political principles adopted by our civil government, we should not hesitate to obey the church.—Catholic World.

These so-called public schools are not public schools, but infidel and sectarian. Catholic parents who send their children to such schools are guilty of mortal sin.—Priest Frai, Brooklyn.

While the state has rights, she has them only in virtue and by permission of the supreme authority, and that authority can only be expressed through the church.—Catholic World.

We are purely and simply Catholics, and profess our unreserved allegiance to the church, which takes precedence of and gives the rule of our allegiance to the state.—Catholic World.

I would rather one-half of the people of this nation should be brought to the stake and burned than one man should read the Bible, and form his judgment from its contents.—Bishop Spottswood.

If the American republic is to be sustained and preserved at all, it must be by the rejection of the principles of reformation, and the acceptance of the Catholic principles of the American people.—Catholic World.

It will be a glorious day for the Catholics of this country when under the blows of justice and morality our school system will be shivered to pieces. Until then modern paganism will triumph.—Cincinnati Catholic Telegraph.

So you see, friends, this is proof positive, that there should be some concerted action on the part of country loving citizens to purge both old parties of men who owe allegiance to the old gentleman on the Tiber.

"The Catholic church numbers one-fifth of the American population, and if its membership shall increase for the next thirty years as it has in the thirty years past, in 1900 Rome will take the country and keep it.—Priest Hecker.

Now, we have taken their own words to prove their disloyalty to the institution that has made this country the envy of the civilized world. We have no ill feeling against any man because he worships God in his own way, but we do object to a man or a set of men using their religion as a cloak to gain political power. Freedom of worship as laid down in the constitution, is freedom to the individual, not to the sect, and I believe the sect which teaches that politics are a part of morals is dangerous. I also believe the sect which teaches that a man, who comes into the world by the same law of nature that you and I do, has the power to forgive sins and stand between a man and his Maker, I believe that sect is dangerous to the peace, harmony and stability of this union. There is no church finding fault with our public schools except the Roman Catholic church, and I believe you will agree with me when I say, that any sect or set of men that undertakes to subvert our public school system, should be tried for treason. And right here let me quote the "Holy laws of Romanism." Archbishop Ireland, at Baltimore, when he made his final appeal to that body of devoted subjects of the holy father in Baltimore, said:

"Go to your homes with the enthusiasm you have shown here; spread it in every state in the union, and say there is a new departure among Catholics in the United States. Tell them there is a new mission open for laymen. The long expected day has come when Catholic bishops, priests and laymen rise up and say, henceforth we will act as one man, in accordance with our religion." The Jesuit doctrine is that a truly good Catholic should be as a corpse in the hands of his superiors.

That the faithful (corpses) may fully understand their duty when they act in accordance with this platform, we here announce the laws which every lay member of our holy communion is bound to obey, or be deprived of the holy sacrament of his faith.

1. The holy father is the supreme ruler of the world, in spiritual as well as temporal matters, especially where we have the votes of power.

2. It is the duty of all Catholics to plot and labor for the absolute supremacy of the pope.

3. It is the duty of all Catholics to take part in elections, to know that "politics are a part of morals." Politics are morals on the widest scale." They must also give perfect submission and obedience of will to the church and the sovereign pontiff, as for God himself; they must remember that they are to acknowledge no civil superior before the holy father; that in their political work, "they must always and in the first place serve the interests of Catholicism."

4. We are opposed to any system of schools that teaches the youth more than the Roman catechism, or that teaches the young to think—it is unnecessary, a waste of time and money, when the holy father has been appointed by God, especially at the vatican council in 1870, to do the thinking for this world. Therefore, we call upon our subjects to do all they can to break down and destroy the free public schools of this Protestant nation, which have compelled us to set up and maintain at great expense, parochial schools to defend our faith, thus lessening the income of the clergy.



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5. We are in favor of filling all offices with men selected by the bishop of the diocese, upon whose political judgment all Catholics must rely, for, (as Monsignor Preston, of New York City, testified to under oath in a civil court), the bishop "must be obeyed whether right or wrong," and this is the law. The faithful can confide in the bishop; though he may in one county or city compel you to support the candidates of one party, and in the next county or city support those of the other party, but you must not hesitate, he "knows what he is doing," for, in either case, we get our price for your vote, and the holy church is the winner.

In order to find employment for the many thousands of the faithful who are coming daily to swell the ranks of our Catholic army, which will in time possess this land, we must secure control of all the cities, railways, manufacturing mines, steam and sailing vessels—above all, the press—in fact, every enterprise requiring labor, in order to furnish our new comers with employment; this will render it necessary to remove or crowd out the American heretics who are now employed. You need not hesitate; it is your duty to do so. You must not stop at any thing to accomplish this end. There are many ways to do this, but if you cannot devise a way, consult your father confessor, but "be careful to do nothing that will create scandal."

7. We call upon all lay Catholics having the means, education and acquaintances to become candidates for legislative offices, to sit in city councils, in state legislatures, congress or senate. It is in these places that you will do the most good for our holy cause, to reclaim this continent which was discovered by a Catholic for the true church.

In these places you can do good work by securing offices for our faithful subjects, which is especially grateful to us, their salaries being fixed and shown to us we know just how much money to demand of them for getting them the places and caring for their souls. In addition to this valuable aid, as members of law-abiding bodies, they can do great good by frustrating such legislation not approved by the holy church, and in securing the larger appropriations for schools under the supervision of our worthy brothers and sisters, also by having young priests appointed as chaplains in the army and navy. The opportunities for serving our church in legislative bodies are numerous; hence, this is urged upon you as worthy of serious consideration.

8. We have learned with regret that there are some Catholics who are possessed with the insane idea that their children can get a better education in the godless public schools than in the parochial schools. These insane apostates must be taught by their father-confessors that they cannot disobey the holy church with impunity. It is such Catholics who fancy they must join one of the dominant political parties and vote with them, thus disobeying the bishop, who may have made arrangements for his vote to be cast for some friend of our church. In all such cases the confessor of such Catholics must deny to them the sacraments and impose a severe penance, order a liberal alms which the confessor will give as he may deem best.

Thus you see countrymen the laity of the Romish church are coerced, and their rights as American citizens are abridged.

I wish to call your attention to a book called "The Judges of Faith;" a book that every man and every woman should have and read. It contains a most terrible tirade against our school system, and has the approbation of three hundred and eight of the high and highest church dignitaries. I might quote these proofs all night but time will not permit. Do you know that twenty-five of the largest cities are run and misgoverned by the Irish Catholics? I will give you a few of the names of that nationality that furnished 72 per cent. of the desertions in the last war of their enlistment, and 97 per cent. of the police force in that Hopkinized and Foxhanized and Alt-

geldized city of Chicago. I will read them: They were the McLaughlins, McCloskeys, Mahoneys, Reilleys, Kellys, Rorkes, Shaughnessys, Finnegans, Noonans, Corcorans, O'Rourke, Fitzpatrick, Farrells, Murphys, Mooneys, Dunns, McGarrys, Quinns, Brennans, McDermotts, Murthas, Haggertys, O'Flynn, O'Donohues, Kerrigans, McCanns, Meaneys, Grady, McNamara, Phelans, O'Connors, Lynches, O'Toole, Keenans and the like, that it is strange not to read first in the requirements for office, proof of the birth of the candidate, or of his father, in the land of Erin. A simple perusal of civil lists of the cities of New York, Brooklyn and Jersey City tells the story of the personnel of our municipal governments.

The almond-eyed representative of the pope, Mgr. Satolli, is here. He comes from a country where the Roman church has done the educating for 1000 years, and today 82 per cent. of the Italian people are illiterate. Yet this little Dago, who cannot speak our language, is dictating to the people in this country how and where their children shall be taught. The church of Rome has driven 850,000 children out of the public schools into the parochial schools, and are being taught treason pure and simple, being taught to be good Catholics before they are good citizens. Citizens of Illinois, see to it that none but honest, conscientious men are selected on our school boards, men fearless in the defense of our public institutions. The whole danger in this country is not altogether from Rome, but from the allies of the pope; the cowardly Protestant politicians, whose only thought is gain and self; men who cringe and crawl to some priestly influences; men who would sacrifice the memory of their mother to attain their selfish end, adopting the Jesuit idea, that "the end justifies the means." I believe that the time has come for decided and heroic action. These wrongs can never be prayed out of our land, neither can we expect to have the wrongs righted by either of the old parties that divide the country and surely not by this sugar-cured congress now in session. We want men to represent us who receive their politics from the Potomac instead of the Tiber.

We place country above party and principle above men. We believe that this herd of cattle from Roman Catholic Europe that is being dumped on our shores should remain at home until our own workmen are provided for, I mean the class that a yard of calico would clothe a whole family a year. We demand that no man shall cast a ballot until he can read and write the English language, and I would have him parse this sentence: Any man who breathes a word or harbors a thought of disloyalty to our institutions, shoot him on the spot.

Romanism was born under planets that were in opposition. It lives in the objective case. Like a mule it has no pride of ancestry, no hope of posterity. It never originated anything, except an unrelenting war on our schools in America, and the inquisition in Europe. It shines by borrowed light. It has been united in honest wedlock to American principles, but has lived a thousand years in open adultery with crime, ignorance and superstition. The atmosphere which surrounds Romanism is full of noxious vapors, that breed moral pestilence and death. The sun never shines through it; vice seeks its station; corruption grows lusty under its influence. Its waters are torpid, lifeless, covered with scum, such as stagnant pools and moveless waters and always offend the eye of man.

The soil which Romanism has cultivated has failed to yield harvests of virtue to the nation, but has given crops of worthless weeds and briars. Romanism has no love of country. It loves popes, cardinals, bishops and the inquisition, instead of nations and presidents; drives loyalty from its door and welcomes rank treason to its habitation. Romanism blessed Jeff Davis and the Confederacy; bound up the wounds of treason and spoke words of hope and comfort to its devotees.

Romanism is a curse to the land, the source of our bitterest woes; the haven where vice and crime find apologists and defenders.

Romanism is original sin, let loose to rend and destroy. It is the spirit of evil.

It is the incarnation of unhelms; the child of the devil. Its home should be in outer darkness, where there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth.

We lay at the door of Romanism the murder of that matchless man, Abraham Lincoln. Every person connected with that diabolical Jesuit scheme was a papist. I call them papists because the pope is their papa.

Mr. Lincoln when defending Rev. Chiniquy in a court of Justice in this state in 1856, discovered the Roman clergy there in force to influence the witnesses and the jury and he said:

"May it please your honor, gentlemen of the jury and American citizens, this conspiracy, I am aware, has failed in its efforts, but I have a few words which I wish to say." He went on and depicted the career of Father Chiniquy and how he had been unjustly prosecuted, and then in conclusion, said: "As long as God gives me a heart to feel, a brain to think, or a hand to execute my will, I devote it against that power which has attempted to use the machinery of the courts to destroy the rights and character of an American citizen," and for this utterance and defense of that great and good man Lincoln came to his death with a bullet cast in a Jesuit mould.

And now, my friends, let me say as did another man who has made a study of this question: "Thus, before the American public as the highest court of jurisdiction, we arraign the pope of Rome as the representative of the papal policy, the representative whom they put forward to stand for the whole church in its antagonism to civil and religious freedom, against which he has committed high crimes and misdemeanors. We impeach him in the name of liberty of conscience, whose rights he has denied. We impeach him in the name of freedom of worship, whose temples he would close. We impeach him in the name of free speech and free press, whose voice he would smother in the smoke of fire and fagot. We impeach him in the name of civil liberty, over whose just laws he has proclaimed the sovereignty of Romish councils. We impeach him in the name of the marriage bond of the majority of the happy households of the christian world, which he has stigmatized a "filthy concubinage," because not contracted in the Romish church. We impeach him in the name of Protestantism, which he calls, 'heresy,' and against which he invokes the persecution of the civil government and the tortures of the inquisition; in the name of progress, which he has tried in vain to stay; of modern civilization, with which he cannot be reconciled; in the name of the free and enlightened governments of the world, against whose most beneficent laws he has hurled his anathemas; in the name of the Holy Bible, whose free circulation he has pronounced a pest; in the name of free America, whose overthrow he has plotted; in the name of Almighty God, whose prerogatives he has blasphemously usurped; in the name of all these, we impeach the pope and the hierarchy which dominates the Roman Catholic church, and summon them to the bar of oppressed humanity, and of divine justice."

I might close my address now, but I will not, for I desire to call your attention to one thing that may have escaped your notice. It is the complete subservience of the public press to the church of Rome. Nearly every daily paper in the United States of any consequence has upon its editorial staff a Jesuit, who is there to see that nothing goes into the paper which reflects in any manner upon the Roman Catholic church. It is through these Jesuits that the Roman Catholic Truth Society does its work, and it is due to their influence that so many complimentary notices of Roman prelates, and so little of the truth regarding the priesthood, creeps into the papers. But, while the daily papers, as a rule, fawn upon the members of the hierarchy, it is not because they believe those members to be the good, true christian men they outwardly profess to be, but because they fear their power in both politics and business. No, my friends, it is not love but fear—combined with greed for the almighty dollar—that keeps your metropolitan daily papers from publishing the truth about Romanism, and about the aims and objects of the A. P. A. But thank God, we have passed that point where it is necessary for us to approach the editorial sanctum with our hats off, and beg, or even ask for fair treatment from the daily press, with the formation of this great Protestant association—this great American order—brave men, who loved their country and her free institutions far more than ease and comfort, invested their capital in printing presses and printing material and began publishing papers that breathed pure patriotism in every line. One was located in Boston, another in Detroit, but very few men in Illinois or the west knew they were published. Time rolled on and a young man in Omaha, Nebraska, became imbued with the idea that Rome

was trying to gain possession of this country. He studied a short time over the situation and concluded to leave his position and invest his money in printing material and begin the publication of an anti-Roman paper. He did so, opening his office in a little bedroom—8x9 feet—in his home, where, for five or six months he and his wife did all work—editorial, type-setting, etc. In the fall they took in a partner by the name of Kelley—a Canadian, but a Protestant—and together they labored as men never labored before. Then an election was held, and the men they supported were elected, business came to them and the paper was made twice its original size, after the office had been moved into a fine suite of rooms in one of the best office buildings in the city. The co-partnership was merged into a stock company, and renewed efforts put forth to make the paper a credit to the cause it had espoused.

About that time a Roman Catholic mob in Kansas City, Mo., attempted to take the life of Rev. J. G. White—that grand old patriot of Stanford, Ill. It was then that the company at Omaha conceived the idea of opening an office in Kansas City. The idea was converted into a fact, and the next election went American. About the same time Chicago had elected a mayor, a member of the Roman Catholic church and a Clan-na-gael. This fact became known to the American Publishing Company of Omaha, and Mr. Kelley went to Chicago and opened an office there, and today that city lays claim to the best patriotic paper in the country—THE CHICAGO AMERICAN—a paper which is fearless and outspoken in its advocacy of American principles, and in its denunciation of priestly interference in the affairs of state. And it is because of such papers as THE AMERICAN that we are not forced to beg space of the daily papers in order to have our side of the case, fairly presented to the people, and it is the duty of all true patriots to help these men, who risk not only their capital but their lives in fighting for the principles you say are right, and the way to do that is to subscribe for the paper and pay for it one year in advance. How many of you will do that?

And now, my friends, let me say in concluding this address, there never was a time in the history of this republic when men—loyal men—were needed as much as they are needed today. Willing hands are wanted to bear aloft this emblem of our greatness; men with hearts as true as steel, are needed to repel the onslaughts of the Roman church upon our public schools. We need men who will be true to their country and to its institutions, and when we find them and they come in and stand with us in defense of all that is dear to us—our liberties, our schools and our flag—priestly dictation in our affairs of state will be at an end. (Loud applause.)

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