

THE JESUITS IN POLITICS.

Note of Warning Sounded by the Rev. Madison C. Peters.

In his address in Asbury Park Sunday night August 12 the Rev. Madison C. Peters said:

"I have nothing but the broadest Christian charity for individual Catholics, many of whom are loyal American citizens, and they should not be held responsible for the grasping, bigotry, intolerant, scheming intriguing Jesuitism of their rulers, who are running religion on political principles. The present revival of Americanism has been evoked by the constant encroachments of Rome on our public schools, and the monopolizing of our political offices. Our Irish-ruled American cities have become an acknowledged menace to our civilization, and the bishops and priests have forced men into office who ought to be in the penitentiary. And yet Frederick R. Coudert in a recent magazine article had the unadulterated gall to write: 'No one pretends that the law is administered by corrupt hands, even when its administration happens to be committed to Roman Catholics.'"

"Did Mr. Coudert ever hear of Tammany hall or the Lexow Investigating Committee? The history of all nations proves that the Roman hierarchy has always aimed at political power. That it has always and everywhere shown itself a baleful influence, we can point, not only to the centuries of history, but Italy, Spain, Ireland, Mexico, Lower Canada and South America to-day. That Rome has come into unfair prominence in the United States, our almshouses and prisons and our municipal offices attest. Massed in the cities and manipulated by the Jesuits, the Irish papists have made a conquest of our American cities. The majority of our cities and towns, through the criminal indifference of Americans, have become almost as thoroughly Romanized as Messina in Sicily, and as Erinized as County Tipperary in Ireland. Even in Mormon Salt Lake City the chief of detectives is J. J. Donovan. And the last place in America you would expect to see an Irish Romanist is as care-taker of the graves of the Pilgrim Fathers, who sleep on Furl Hill, Plymouth Rock. Yet I made that astounding discovery last Tuesday."

"The Irish conquest of America seems complete. As a religion Romanism has equal rights with Presbyterianism or any other ism, but Romanism is a political party, a machine that goes into politics, not for the good of the country but for the spoils of office and the aggrandisement of the church. I have abundant proof in my possession that in the last presidential election the whole power of the Catholic priesthood was concentrated upon the defeat of Harrison, because he was opposed to appropriations from the national treasury for any sectarian purposes whatsoever. Harrison was branded as a 'bigot,' and the priests plunged into partisan politics and combined their tyrannical power over the conscience to coerce the ignorant masses of voters almost solidly for a change in administration. Such papers as the Catholic Herald and Catholic Review declared that 'Cleveland's victory is the deathblow of know-nothingism' and pretty much everything else. Even if the Catholic vote did not have any appreciable effect in determining the result of the election, the fact is that they attempted the overthrow of the republican party because Catholic Indian missions supported by public funds, to use the words of the Catholic Review, 'was more important that protection or free trade.' In the Catholic World for February 1894, in an article entitled 'Have Catholics a political enemy?' the republican party is condemned for standing by the constitutional requirements of a free, non-sectarian school system, and the writer argues that therefore the republican party is 'the enemy of the Catholic church, and that all Catholics should and must vote the democratic ticket.'"

"Democratic freemen, how do you like it? Are you ready to surrender to Rome? The Jesuits have not only massed the Irish in the cities, but they have organized them into a large number of secret societies, the principal of which are the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Irish-Americans Society, Knights of St. Patrick, St. Patrick's Cadets, Apostles of Liberty, Benevolent Sons of Emerald Isle, Knights of St. Peter, Knights of the Red Branch and Knights of Columbkil. Almost all these societies are military organizations. The Irish Catholics may have their civic and benevolent orders, but it is certainly a menace to the peace of the nation that they organize into military companies bearing arms."

"If the Roman church organizes all Romanists without other basis than a common religion, by that very fact they will organize the non-Catholic population as a single party. Would not Americans be strangely constituted if they did not organize for self defense? Or have American Protestants no rights which Irish Romanists are bound to respect? Why is Rome drilling and arming today? Am I an alarmist? Read their papers. View their parades. It is a fact to which Americans do not pay sufficient attention that the Jesuits have been shrewd enough to have a vast majority of Roman Catholic officers to command the armies and man the

navy of the United States. Then look at our police officials. Uncle Sam could exhibit such an array of Irishmen in police uniforms that if massed in one body would simply paralyze John Bull. All experience teaches that the pope's Irish everywhere combine the members of their own race and religion, not for the promotion of christianity, but to bring to bear upon American politics the weight of a solid Irish Catholic vote."

"The American people are so delighted with the idea of being 'broad' and 'liberal' that sooner than defend their rights they allow the tools of an alien priesthood to walk over them rough shod. The cry of 'bigotry' comes with bad grace from papists whose canon law teaches that 'persecution of heretics causes remission of sins,' and that 'he who kills one that is excommunicated is no murderer in a legal sense.'"

"The mob which this week destroyed the Protestant missions in Quebec and brutally assaulted women and children, however disagreeable it may be to Protestants of Quebec, it is not to be regretted altogether, since it serves to keep the world in mind of the pregnant truth that Romanism is at heart always and everywhere the same. The Jesuits have been kicked out of Europe forty times by princes and kings, both Catholic and Protestant. Recently they had to flee from the rising spirit of freedom in Catholic Mexico. These sworn minions of a foreign despot have betaken themselves to America. America is the paradise of Jesuits. Vicar-General McFaul, of Trenton, at the commencement exercises of the Jesuit college of St. Xavier in the Broadway theatre June 26, 1894, said: 'To quote the words of Father Pardow, my old professor, the country will soon be ours.' The Jesuits know that in a religious sense the United States will never be theirs, but they are aiming at political power, and by voting almost solidly one way they hold the balance of power. Let freedom loving Americans be warned in time. Let us force our political parties to unfurl this banner: 'There shall be no further compromises with these enemies of the republic.'"

I Told You So.

MR. PECCI:—Did I not tell you that if you did not take some of the cobwebs out of your night-cap, you would have trouble, and mind what I say to you, you will have more of it if you do not do a little as I tell you. I told you if you did not take a knife and cut some of the dead branches off of your tree—leave out some of the doctrines and practices that would kill any church—the people would leave you and form their own church. They have commenced to do it and you cannot tell where it will stop. According to the Inter Ocean, three thousand (3,000) are saying, "Good bye, dear Pecci, good bye," and will hire a priest, and there are a lot of them, who are looking for that kind of a church. Your church has been pulling the priests and the people about by the nose so long that they will not allow it any longer and as soon as they have a good opportunity they will form their own catholic church and let Rome look after the Chinese and the gentlemen who reside in Africa, until they have good judgment enough to ask you to be content with your vatican home."

No Sir, Mr. Pecci, you must change the doctrines and methods of your church, and the time will come, if you do not already see it, that it must be done. If there is some one who is wiser than the rest who says it cannot be done because it would be inconsistent with itself, allow me to tell him the church has been changing ever since the year 606, when it may be considered the distinctively Roman Catholic church, and a change is the only thing that will keep your ship from running upon rocks that will put more water in your boat than you will be able to bail out. The movement toward an independent Catholic church will grow, and they will undoubtedly so manage their ecclesiastical affairs that the people will not be afraid to have them in the nations and in their houses."

I tell you, Pecci, you will get yourself in trouble if you do not do as I tell you. Here is another question that has been discussed some in the papers: Some Methodist ministers have asked you to do what you can to allow the people of that church freedom in working in foreign countries where the Roman Catholic church has influence. I want you to do as they suggest, and not only promise this protection or discontinuance of hostilities, but allow as far as you can freedom. If you do not the people of America will see the speech of your faithful son, Cardinal Gibbons, was a radical blind, a handful of dust thrown into the eyes of the people. Now, do what I advise you, and do not be so pig-headed. It is this preaching one thing in the United States and practicing something else, where you have power, that causes the people to say "The Roman Catholic acts the part of a knave in one instance and the part of a liar in the other; therefore let us put all Americans on guard."

I expect before I write to you again I will hear of other evidences of the lack of unanimity in the church for which you claim so much for her unity. But if you still persist in not doing what I tell you to do, you will go to pieces."

Pecci, your people will not be your dogs all the time. Why do they leave you? They think, Pecci, one thing is true, That they would have enough to do. "A shov'lin coal" in blues blue, Where fires are big and water few, If they kept on obeying you. ALEPH.

"The Silent Owls."

MARSHALL, MO., August 14, 1894.—Editor THE AMERICAN: I wish to state that Dearborn council No. 83 is in a flourishing condition and will soon move to their new quarters. It is only three months old and has next to the largest enrollment of the ten secret organizations of this city."

We had a little difficulty in organizing, but once started, we have grown like "The little picaninny from 'Old Virginia.'"

We have members representing the many different occupations of our community, from the day laborer to the doctor, lawyer and minister. We are being constantly watched and spied upon by the Roman element; two of whom were even found eavesdropping at our outside door. But like poor McGinty, "they never came back again." We have been nick-named the "Silent Owls," on account of our secrecy."

Two of our friends had the pleasure of hearing our order discussed by two Romanist business men a few days since. One who, by a careful estimation, has been found to be commanding about \$300.00 worth of trade each month from members of our order, boldly declared the American Protective Association to be a d—m anarchist organization, whose very principles were in direct opposition to the constitution of the United States of America. He was warned by the other to be more discreet on account of his business. He said he was not afraid, for none of the d—m fools knew that he was a Catholic. He also had the audacity to state that Roman Catholics were the only true Americans in this country; that the Catholics discovered this country and built all our large cities and railroads, and that this country rightly belonged to the Roman Catholic church, and it would only be a matter of time until they would control the entire government, both state and national."

When the gentleman's (?) words were repeated to members of the order assembled, great consternation prevailed for a few minutes, for a large number of our friends were ignorant of the fact that he was a Roman Catholic, and it is needless to say that his rash denunciation will cost him many a dollar."

At a recent Roman caucus, which one of our members attended incognito, it was resolved that they should select a good Catholic who should join the A. P. A. that he might reveal the membership thereof; and judging from the number of recent rejections from council No. 83, they have been putting forth their best efforts to accomplish their object."

The council takes both THE AMERICAN and the American Eagle, which are distributed free to the members of the order and their friends. We all enjoy reading the patriotic papers and we are all silently praying for the further success of our friends in releasing Protestant girls from the purgatory of the Good Shepherd. NO. EIGHTY-THREE.

Nearly a Riot.

WINONA, MINN., Aug. 15.—The St. Stanislaus Polish Catholic Church troubles broke out again tonight in so near a general riot that the militia were kept in readiness to respond at a moment's notice. The people of the parish have been dissatisfied with the appointment of priests by Bishop Cotter. A few weeks ago the Rev. A. Klawiter, priest in charge, resigned. He had torn down the old parish church and started a new \$75,000 structure. The people demanded his return and failed. A mass-meeting was held last evening and it was decided to forcibly close work on the new church. Otto Blashek, a bartender, was chairman. Another meeting was on the program for this evening and fearing violence the authorities placed Blashek under arrest this evening."

Half an hour later 500 Poles appeared at the county jail, where Blashek was confined, with the American flag flying and pockets filled with cobble stones, and demanded Blashek's release. Sheriff Gayendeavored to parley, but without avail, and the mob moved on the jail. The fire department armed with axes laid a line of hose ready to play on the crowd. The militia was in readiness near the scene also. Finally the matter was temporarily compromised by the release of Blashek on \$500 bail for his appearance in court tomorrow morning on a charge of inciting riot. Trouble is feared for tomorrow evening as a number of arrests will follow in the morning, and another and more violent demonstration is certain."

Not "Real" Catholic.

There is a certain Ritualistic church in the north of London where the imitation of Roman Catholicity in external matters is so successful as to go near deceiving the very elect, at any rate at first sight. To this church came a certain old Irish woman, and seeing an altar with candles, and a man before it duly vested in a chasuble, attended by a small boy in cassock and cotta, she concluded the gentleman was a Roman

Catholic priest saying mass. She knelt down, took out her rosary beads and began to recite it very devoutly, when suddenly she felt a tap on her shoulder and the voice of the clerk fell on her ear—"Put those beads away, we don't use them here." A light began to dawn on the daughter of Erin. "Holy Mother! Isn't this a Catholic church?" she exclaimed. "Yes," said the clerk, "Yes, this is a Catholic Church, but not real Catholic." Up sprang the Irish woman, "Lord, save us; not a Catholic Church. Let me get out of it then." She got out, followed by the custodian, and in the porch she gave him her opinion, in forcible language, of Catholic Churches that were not "real" Catholic.—The Catholic Times, England.

A. P. A. Principles.

(From Songs of Freedom, Copyrighted, 1889, by Isaac A. Pool.) Nations have filled the world with men, Made brothers all by sword and pen; No man is subject to our scorn; "No man is asked where he was born."

We draw no politician's knife, Nor seek the path that lead to strife; The land we love demands our care; For parties we've no time to spare. All men may worship as they please; Our constitution thus decrees, Beware! when power takes the field, And seeks by creeds to make us yield.

Against all 'reason we defend, Staunch to the flag and worthy friend; Bound by the oath our fathers swore, To save this land forevermore! The liberty our fathers bought With blood, on fields supremely fought, We hold for freedom's fair control, And keep our royal union whole.

When creeds with parties seek to mate, To gain possession of the state; That is enough for us to know,— It stamps the scoundrel as a foe.

Our loyal sons with brains and brains, Are grand enough to hold the reins; No subject here need bow to thrones, For priests the fetid Tiber owns!

Lest men decline to slavish fools, The nation fills the land with schools; We keep from creeds' dry-rot and drought, And save them at the cannon's mouth.

We guard with care the public purse, Nor heed the ban—the churchmen's curse; No sect may sow vile treason's seeds, To fill the field with tares and weeds.

Churches, like honest men, must bear Of all expense a proper share,— Nor load poor labor's bending backs, With all the burdens cowards tax.

No church may keep in prison walls, Dark dens of vice whose shame appals! Throw wide the doors; let them display Their conduct to the light of day.

Permit no crime to cross the seas, Obeying priests on bended knees; Lest we shall paupers be at home, The slaves of cursed, pagan Rome.

Let education give the "vote,"— Not "hoodle," oaths and party coat! We need no ballots gained from sin, And soaked with ignorance and gin!

We trust our land to honest men! So shall the patriot shine again; We need no traitors' lies and brag; Americans will shield the flag. ISAAC A. POOL.

A Truism.

The Echo, of London, truly remarks that "no institution hangs more on political intrigue, engenders more cabals, or is more thoroughly earthly than the one which claims to be divine to-wit, the papacy. This is paradoxical, but a truism; and it is more than usually apparent just now, in the activity which reigns among the wire-pullers of the vatican, who, in anticipation of the death of the pope, are busying themselves about the future conclave."

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