

le schools, but he is soon silenced and squelched.

Eleventh—Many priests have said to me personally that they were in favor of the public schools, but they dare not assert their belief.

Twelfth—The rank and file of the lay members of the Roman Catholic church not only prefer the public schools for their children, but patronize them; believing that their children must be educated side by side with other American youth if they are to compete with them for the successes and prizes of this life.

Thirteenth—In the face of these facts the American people are not called upon to express their gratitude to the Roman Catholic church, because through its pope or any of his representatives it consents to "tolerate" the American free public school system, but they are called upon to assert their self-respect and strike any power, religious or political, that assaults any of our distinctively American institutions.

WHENEVER THE ISSUE IS RAISED, the great majority of our thoughtful patriotic citizens will be found tenaciously adhering to substantially the following platform of purposes and principles concerning the American free common school system:

The best and most thorough instruction in every department, moral, industrial, physical, placing the system by its pre-eminence out of the field of anything approaching general competition.

Insist upon the absolute necessity of the precedence and mastery of the national language. Require the careful training of all the children and youth in the fundamental political doctrines and moral axioms and principles on which the free American government rests as the only adequate method of securing that respect for the opinions and circumstances of others, readily inculcated in youth, and difficult to acquire when character has been shaped and determined.

Let no political or ecclesiastical or atheistical outcry, from whatever source, against religious instruction in the schools be the means of banishing a high morality from the character of the teaching or from the qualification of the teacher. The American idea is that the school shall be a civil educator to make good citizens, and good citizens must possess moral character. The schools will inevitably be a reflex of the noble, cultured, moral characters of the instructors.

Banish absolutely all sectarianism from the management and teaching of those public schools, and all evidence of the structures used or in the garb of teachers that would suggest sectarian relationship or hint at the remotest connection of church and state.

Let all schools where citizens are being trained for the performance of their duties as sovereigns in the republic come under the intelligent supervision of the government authorities, as a rightful measure of safety, and as the only method of approximating that practical uniformity of results essential to popular education in a republic.

One of the principal functions of the common schools is to Americanize the children of foreign birth or parentage, and by its processes of digestion and assimilation make them a healthful part of the body politic. Thus only can the dangerously heterogeneous be made safely homogeneous.—New York Daily Tribune.

Roman Hierarchy Despotism.

Vicar Pope Satolli has sustained Bishop Bonacum, of Lincoln, Neb., in his pretended trial for various misdemeanors laid to his charge by his priests. It is strange that Roman Catholic priests are such stupid dunces as to believe that they can obtain justice in a contest with a bishop, before a higher court of Rome. Priest Phelan tried his hand against Archbishop Kane, but was compelled to lick the dust in humble submission to the despot. Priest Kuhlman, who was responsible for binding the church progress to the papal controversy, was suspended and degraded by his bishop, and on his appeal to the pope of Rome, instead of being vindicated, he was compelled to serve a term of imprisonment.

It is reported that the priests of the Bonacum diocese are determined to appeal to the pope. They had just as well make their peace with Bonacum without having the additional expense and disgrace of being defeated at Rome. Concerning this disgraceful affair, the report of the Republic, of Aug. 9th, says:

It will be remembered that some months ago the archbishop, at Satolli's commands, came to Lincoln, examined Bishop Bonacum's books and heard some protests from prominent Catholics against the continuation of the disgraceful condition of affairs then existing in the diocese. He did not call upon any of the priests to give their testimony, nor was there any formal trial held of the bishop, although charges and specifications had, under instructions from Satolli, been prepared and filed. This convinced the priests that Satolli did not intend to keep his promise to give them a chance

to prove their charges, and give rise to the vigorous denunciation of Hennessy's procedure as a farce by Father Corbett. The priests have fanatically concluded that they cannot secure justice this side of the Vatican; and are now preparing to send Father Corbett to Rome to place their cause before the pope.

Though Satolli made the priests of the Lincoln diocese believe that there would be a thorough investigation, and a fair trial allowed, the whole matter was a mockery and a farce, carried out to sustain the bishop and humiliate the priesthood. If any of these priests have one spark of self respect or love of liberty, let them come out of that rotten and devilish hierarchy, and enjoy liberty. If the priests are stupid enough to appeal to the pope for justice, to complete their plan, let them employ Priest Phelan, of St. Louis, to go to Rome as their attorney. Phelan certainly understands the rascality of Bishop Bonacum. By all means, let him go to Rome.—American Baptist Flag.

IN NEED OF MONEY.

The Roman Catholic University at Washington Not a Success Financially.

From utterances of Catholic authorities, official and semi-official, it has become well known that the Catholic University at Washington is badly in need of money, and that the men on whom devolve the care of that institution are far from hopeful of its success. Two or three large donations have been made, but there is no steady flow of contributions such as keep pouring into the treasuries of our great Protestant colleges. Aside from finances the university at Washington has two difficulties to contend with; it has been found impossible to secure fairly efficient professors; and Catholic American young men do not care to go there for their higher education. The selection of teachers and professors of acknowledged scientific standing within the ranks of the Catholic church has so far been a failure. The great modern thinkers and teachers, from Locke to Emerson, have every one of them been without the pale of Rome. Of course, among the great doctors, chemists, etc., of countries like France or Italy, some may still be found paying homage to the church. Pasteur is a notable example. It is an acknowledged fact that the spirit of research has been well-nigh crushed out among Catholics, and consequently the university at Washington has and will find it difficult to secure teachers of high rank. The attendance will always remain insufficient, because Catholic young men of today that cherish aspirations, have discovered why it is that they are so frequently outstripped in intellectual pursuits by pupils from Protestant colleges. Why, for instance, is the number of Catholic lawyers and physicians altogether out of proportion to the high Catholic percentage that obtains in the population of cities like New York, Chicago or Boston? The causes may be traced directly to the Catholic college education. Those in charge of Catholic colleges fully realize that the word "Catholic" is a cloak large enough to cover numerous deficiencies, and that most parents would think twice before sending their children to Protestant schools, even when they know they give a better training. The not very numerous Catholic families of high culture invariably send their sons to colleges like Harvard and Yale, but the vast majority are people with little education, and are so wedded to their church that they follow their spiritual learnings in selecting the schools to which they send their children. With their children it is different; the traditions of implicit reverence brought here by their parents are of little weight with them. In spite of all attempts at keeping them secluded, they assimilate with Protestant Americans, and soon realize where the higher culture is, and that the higher branches of education are not to be obtained from Catholic institutions of learning. Hence the result: Either absolute indifference of the young men concerning their religion, or distrust of literature and education in the higher branches, bearing the official stamp of their church. The Catholic young men of this country are beginning to open their eyes to the fact that if they want to win name and fame they must not look to the Roman Catholic seats of learning like the university at Washington, but must patronize the same colleges as their fellow-countrymen without regard to their religious belief or the commands of their spiritual advisers.

Leo XIII, in his encyclical of January 10th, 1890, says: "It is impetuous indeed to break the laws of Jesus Christ for the purpose of obeying the magistrate, or to transgress the laws of the church under the pretext of obeying the civil law;" and "If the laws are hostile to the duties imposed by religion, or violate in the person of the sovereign pontiff the authority of Jesus Christ, then indeed it is a duty to resist them and a crime to obey them."

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BONACUM'S ORDER STANDS.

But an Investigation into His Removal of Father English Ordered.

HASTINGS, Neb., Aug. 28.—Father English of St. Cecilia's Catholic church received a telegram from Washington this evening announcing that the delegations from this city and Omaha had been received by Mgr. Satolli and had been assured that while it was too late to suspend the order for his removal to David City September 1, he would be given a hearing under regular canonical proceedings. That there were no formal charges against him before the apostolic delegate and that Bishop Bonacum would be ordered to forward him (Father English) the charge upon which his removal was made. Father English denies the charges that he made use of language derogatory to the German members of his congregation in his sermon Sunday, and says that those opposing him do not represent the German element of his congregation.

Roman Catholics and Masonry.

A case was tried in Soegal, Hanover, a few days ago which is of general interest to Roman Catholics and Free Masons. A business man of the town and a member of the Roman Catholic church had been called a Free Mason by a rival. The former brought suit for libel against the rival in the civil courts. The head of the town cathedral was summoned as an expert witness, and testified as follows: "To call another a Free Mason per se, cannot be a defamation of character, as, with the exception of Roman Catholics, no confession forbids its followers to become Free Masons. But it is defamation for a Roman Catholic to be called a Free Mason, because the church not only forbids its members to be Free Masons, but where the membership is admitted and is notorious, the person is excluded from the sacraments. Other members of the church, therefore, look with suspicion upon a Roman Catholic who pretends to be a Free Mason." The court, after this testimony, fined the defendant, and ordered him to pay the costs of the suit.

Rome in England.

LONDON, Aug. 29.—The Times announces that a scheme, which has been under discussion for thirty years, has practically matured to build a Roman Catholic cathedral in London on a site in Westminster purchased by the late Cardinal Manning. The total cost of the edifice, it is estimated, will be one and a fourth million dollars. Nearly half of that amount has already been subscribed. The whole of Catholic Christendom will be invited to subscribe and each person who gives \$5,000 will have his name inscribed on the cathedral as a founder. Liberal donations are expected from the United States and the British colonies. It will be of ancient basilica style, which is unique in London, 350 feet long, 270 feet wide and 100 feet high.

Do Roman's Carry Arms?

VINCENNES, Ind., Aug. 29.—The delegates to the convention and encampment of Catholic Knights of America attended mass at the St. John's church at 8 o'clock this morning and listened to an address by Father McCabe. After a street parade the prize drills of the uniform rank were commenced. The entries included St. Paul's commandery, Vincennes; St. George's, Indianapolis; St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg; St. Edward's, Evansville; Weber Zouaves, Indianapolis; St. George's, Madison; Assumption Zouaves, Evansville; Knights of St. John, Evansville. The Zouaves and cadet companies led the contest. Several Kentucky companies also participated.

A Befitting Honor.

A Roman Catholic bishop has been appointed by the Chinese government a mandarin of the third class. He is the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Anzer, bishop of Telepte, vicar apostolic of Southern Changtong. He now ranks among the officials of the Celestial Empire with judges of courts of appeal and generals of the army. He is held in the highest honor by all classes, and his new dignity will give him increased respect with the natives.

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YOUR DUTY.

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They should, by this time, be aware of the fact that Rome works in an insidious manner, seldom showing her hand; that her strength lies in her secrecy and that they can only hope to overthrow and deprive her of her political power and prestige by practicing the lesson she has so well learned.

If you have, in the past, elected men who have misrepresented you, you are deserving of pity, but if you re-elect them and they do different to what you desire, you deserve condemnation for your gullibility.

An American who is true to his country, who loves its institutions and reveres its flag allows no party ties or life-long friendships to outweigh his sense of duty when he goes to the polls to cast his vote. If his dearest friend or his trusted brother, stood on other ground than that occupied by himself when considering

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his ballot should be cast against such friend or brother and in favor of the man who represents most nearly his idea of true Americanism.

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You can only be true to your own interests by being true to those of your country.

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